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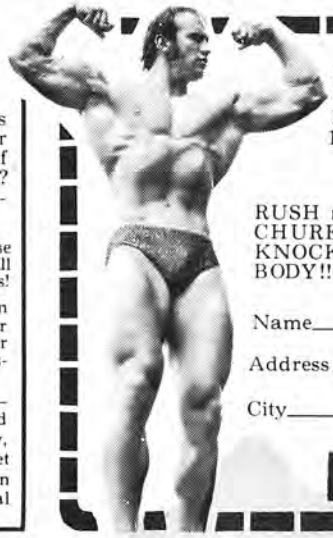

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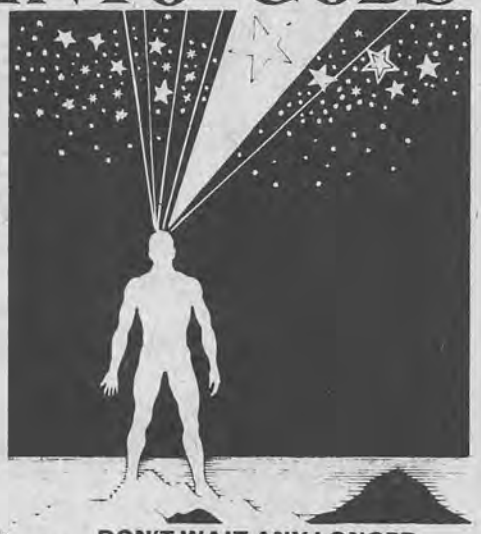

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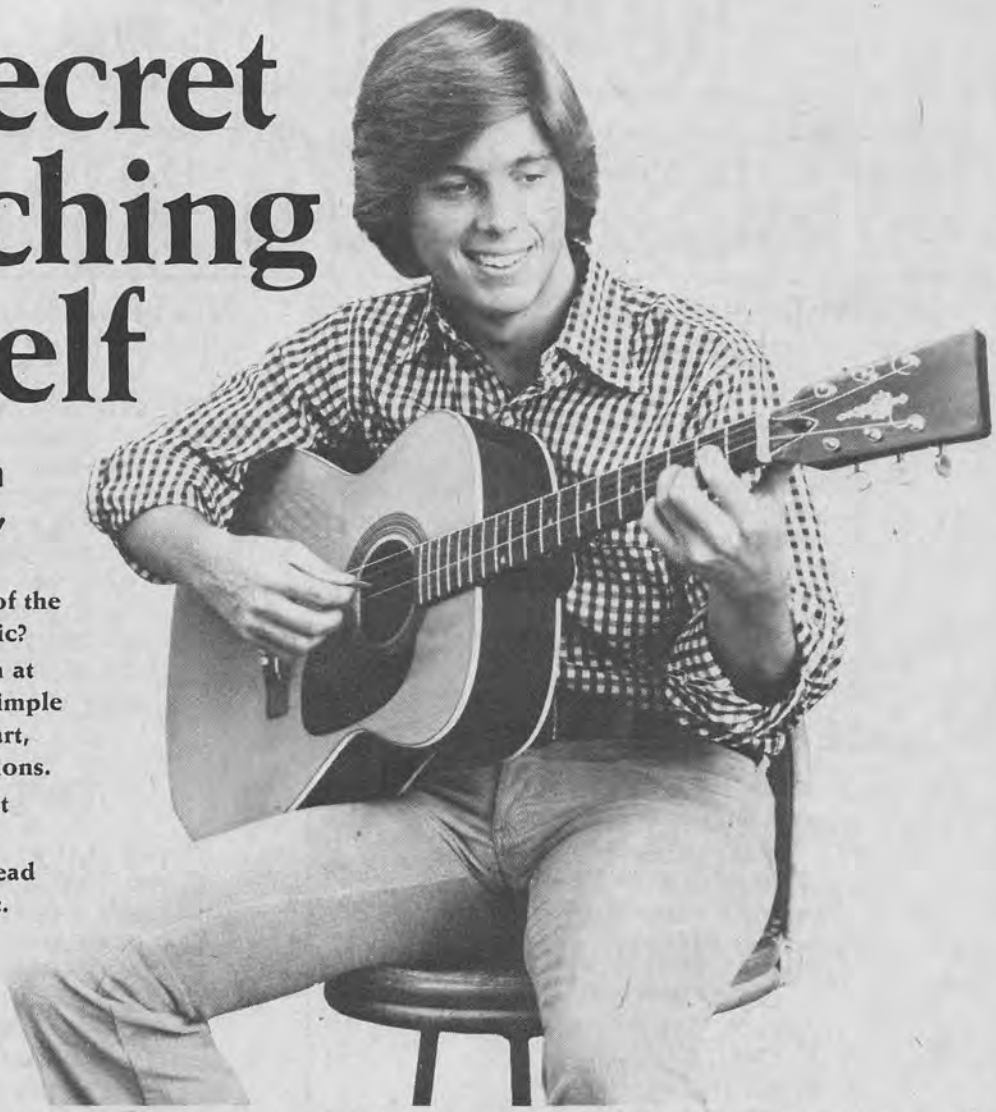

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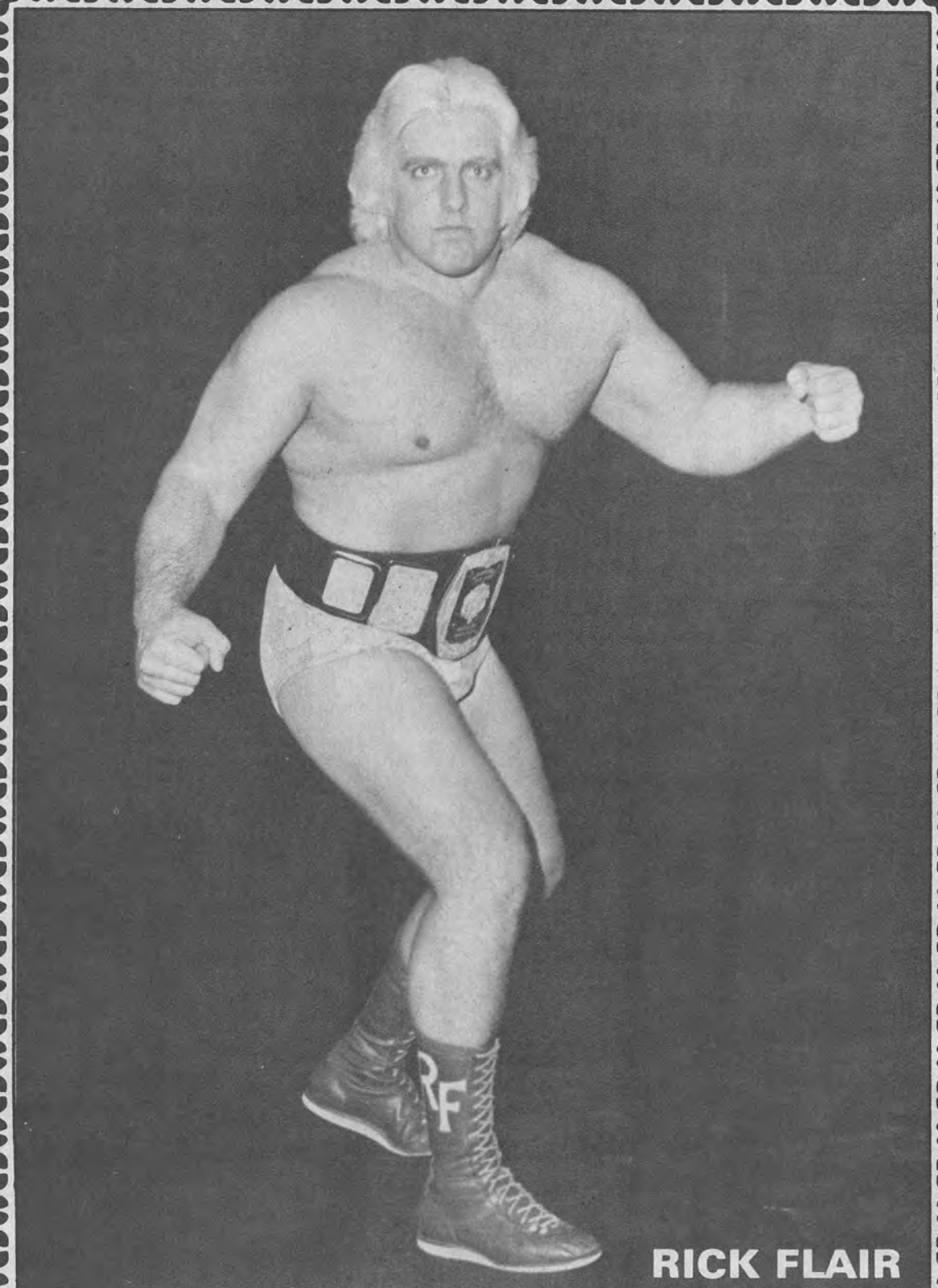

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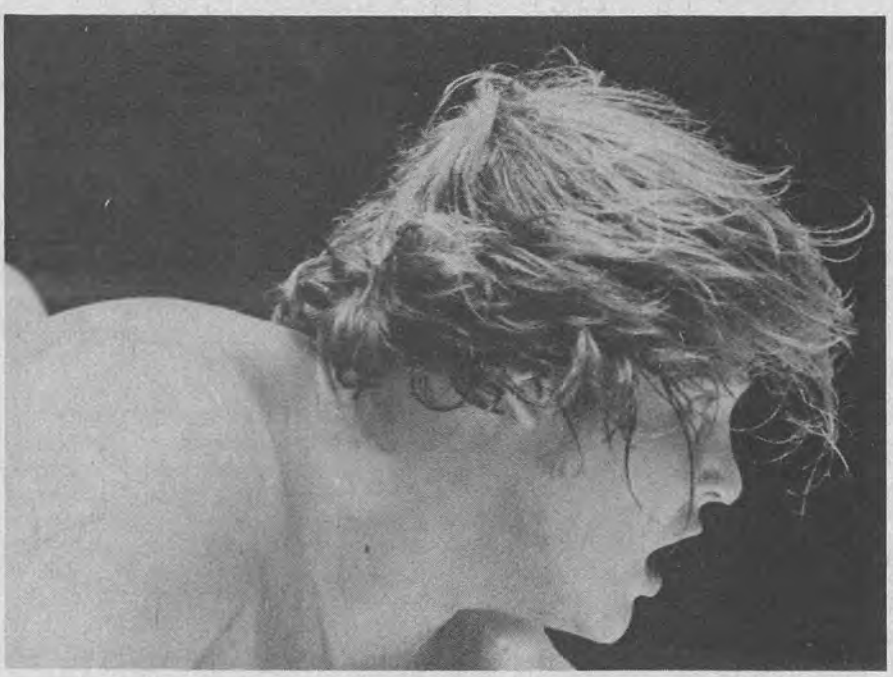

Big Bob Roop (above) is creating controversy in Florida. Once a popular star, he's now the object of fan hatred. But that hasn't stopped him from chasing the title. Butcher Vachon (left) bragged a bit too much before his match against Andre The Giant.

FLORIDA GRAPPLING
By T.G. Nathan & Wayne Gilyard

AT WEST PALM BEACH'S Auditorium, Jack Brisco defended his title against his one time friend and now arch enemy, Bob Roop. These two have squared off several times and each match was a classic. This one was no exception.

For 60 minutes Roop and Brisco exchanged holds and gave a great showing of what clean wrestling could be. Admittedly, there were times when Roop did go out of the rule book—and so did Jack—but in all it was a fine match.

In Tampa, popular Bob Blacklund also battled against Roop. This match had fans sitting on the edge of their seats. Both wrestlers displayed scientific skill, trying to wear each other down.

After the time limit had expired, Roop, who had been overwhelmed by Bob's array of holds, left the ring angrily because of a draw verdict.

"I beat that nobody!" he exclaimed.

A week later they had a rematch. Roop threw all skill out the window and viciously thrashed Blacklund. After tying him up in the ropes, Roop began landing savage blows to his helpless victim. But that didn't last long as Terry Funk ran to Bob's rescue and chased Roop back to the dressing room!

Not only are Funk and Blacklund on Roop's trail, yearning to put him out of commission, but so are Dick Murdoch, Dusty Rhodes, and others.

BEDLAM IN BOSTON
By Ned Byrne

Spiros Arion defeated Bruno Sammartino at the Boston Garden when the champion was counted out of the ring. However, the title did not change hands as you can only lose a title by pin fall or submission.

Arion and Bruno were battling outside the ropes, on the arena floor, when Spiros beat him into the ring before the "20" count.

Andre the Giant, the "eighth wonder of the world," had some battle on his hands when he grappled with huge Butcher Vachon. Vachon vowed "to show everyone what a fraud that freak is," just a few days before the match.

For Andre's fans, happiness prevailed as after Andre did take some punishment from Butcher, he turned the tables and took the measure of Vachon.

The Valiant Brothers tried to regain

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HOW TO ROB BANKS. LEGALLY.

Make 21% On Your Money. Guaranteed No Risk By The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Earn $100,000 or more with deposits of less than $20.

By Louis Kennelworth
Attorney at Law

My name is Louis Kennelworth, and I'm a lawyer. If what I'm about to tell you were not 100% true, I'd get disbarred and probably thrown into jail. So obviously every word, every piece of advice I have put into print is absolutely true and completely legal.

In these hard times of inflation, we need all the help we can get.

The bank presidents will hate me for this. But I'm going to lay it right on the line. Whatever amount of money ($10. a week or $1,000 a week) you put into your savings account I can show you how to double, triple, even **quadruple** what it would ordinarily earn in interest. (All without risking a single penny.)

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★ Amazing fact: You can actually use your credit cards to make extra money.

★ Amazing fact: Your dollars can be earning interest on weekends . . . after you've already withdrawn them.

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This is the book that tells it all. All the important proven financial secrets you need to stay ahead of inflation. Many of these secrets are so fantastic you won't believe they're possible until you put them into practice.

Just to give you an idea:

You can actually pay bills by check from your savings account and still earn interest on money that isn't there.

And did you know: If you know how, you can actually make more money banking by mail than you can in person?

Now in case you're worried about the banks. Please don't! Believe me they can afford it. Banks make billions with depositor's money. They make far more lending your money to commercial borrowers and mortgators than they ever pay to you, their depositors.

It's that fat cushion between what the banks get and what they pay that enables banks to offer you "inducements" such as compound interest, high rates in special issues, day-of-deposit-to-day-of withdrawal accounts, bonus days, bank gifts, and so on.

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The only question that remains is: How long can you afford not to do something about it? All you need to know is **How!** And it's all right there in my book. The information, the methods and techniques, the step-by-step game plan. It's all there for you! In simple straight forward language, complete with illustrations. Easy to understand for anyone with a fifth grade education.

Powerful interests would love to "Coverup" this information.

Obviously this is a book the banks would love to prohibit. Many powerful interests would love to suppress and "coverup" this information if they could. But fortunately it's still a free country. And if there's a way you can fight inflation with much bigger returns on your savings, you're entitled to know about it.

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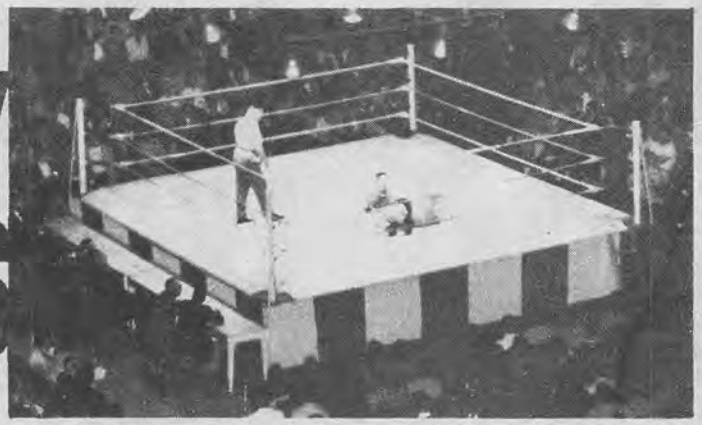

WHERE IT'S AT

I don't think anyone can really call himself a wrestling fan without reading "Here's What's Happening, Baby" by Bill Apter in THE WRESTLER every month. This man, who's devoted his life to this greatest of all sports, has earned the thanks of fans everywhere.

After reading Bill's column for three or four months in a row, one can tell perfectly where the sport is heading and what are the main currents driving wrestling. It is the only place where one can get an intelligent view of grappling.

Mr. Apter's insight and conclusions are the most perceptive, learned, and accurate to be found anywhere.

JOE CAVANAUGH
Boston, Mass.

GREAT IDEA

Thanks for having the courage to show "The 'Street Fight' They Didn't Want You To See!" (THE WRESTLER/August 1975). It was one of the greatest stories I've ever read.

It's about time wrestlers had to risk it all—for their female fans! Seeing a loser in the altogether, wearing nothing but a blush, is the best idea I've heard in years. I can't wait for the next one—and I've got a list of 35 wrestlers I'd like to see in these matches.

I bet there'll be millions of female fans as excited a I am about this great new addition to wrestling!

JEAN DANIS
Atlanta, Ga.

A SORRY STATE

I am shocked to see where wrestling has gone when stories must be printed like "Pat Patterson's Fear: 'Moondog Mayne Will Cripple Me!' " (THE WRESTLER/August 1975). When two athletes must publicly threaten each other with permanent injury, then the sport has really taken a wrong turn somewhere!

There should be mutual respect between athletes, not a murderous hatred. I'm not blaming Pat. He has to defend himself against the likes of Mayne. It's the commissions that don't stop Mayne's tactics which are responsible for this!

Let's put some teeth in the rules so that great wrestlers like Pat don't have to become animals to defend themselves.

JACOB HIZER
Modesto, Cal.

We received many letters thanking us for our stories on Paul Jones. It seems there are quite a few fans who believe Paul will soon take the N.W.A. championship from current titleholder Jack Brisco.

OPEN LETTER TO MIKE McCORD

Please, please, please go back to wearing your jacket when you enter the arena.

It was absolutely the sexiest thing even seen when you took off that jacket—ever so slowly—and revealed those fantastic arms and incredible chest. Wow! I don't think there is or was anything as sexy as that.

You teased the fans with your magnificent body and made us wait reverently for its unveiling. And at the same time female fans had to wait and then hope maybe someday they could take that jacket off your muscular shoulders.

Keep on kissing those bulging biceps because many of us fans love and worship you.

CAROLYN RUMSEYER
Grand Canyon, Ariz.

WORLD'S BEST

I am writing to thank you for several articles on the world's greatest wrestler, Paul Jones!

Paul is three times better than the current N.W.A. champion, Jack Brisco. He has already whipped such stars as Johnny Valentine, Ivan Koloff, Super Destroyer, and many others.

In the meantime, I want to tell everyone INSIDE WRESTLING and THE WRESTLER are great!

JEFF BARNHARDT
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TERRY'S TERRIFIC

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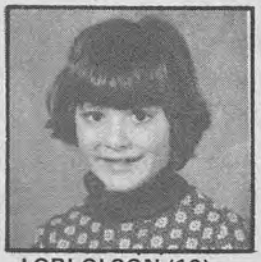

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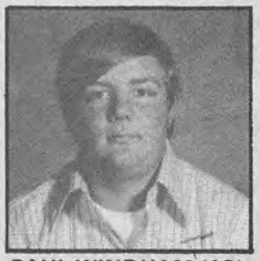

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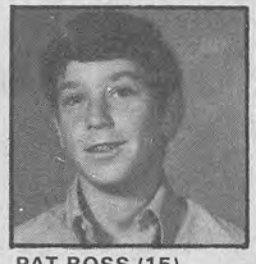

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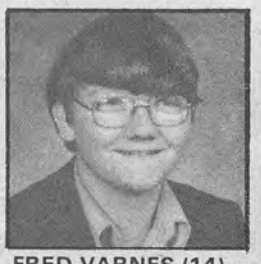

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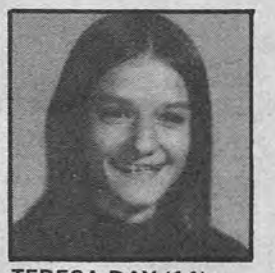

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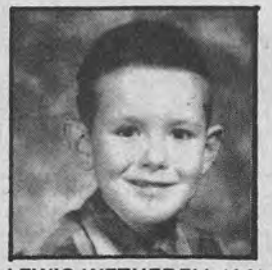

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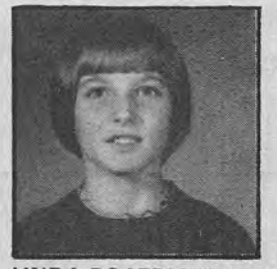

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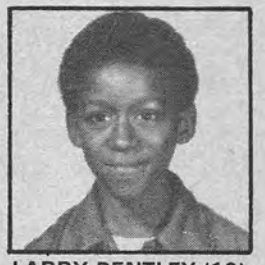

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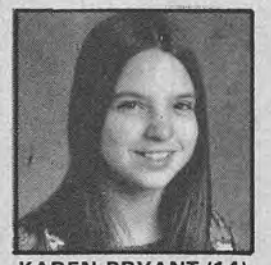

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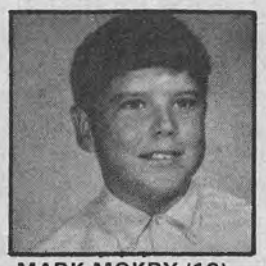

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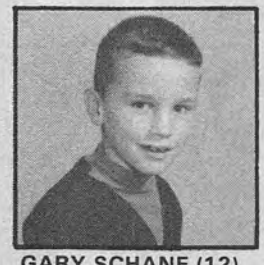

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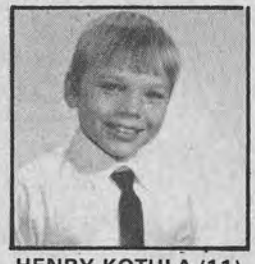

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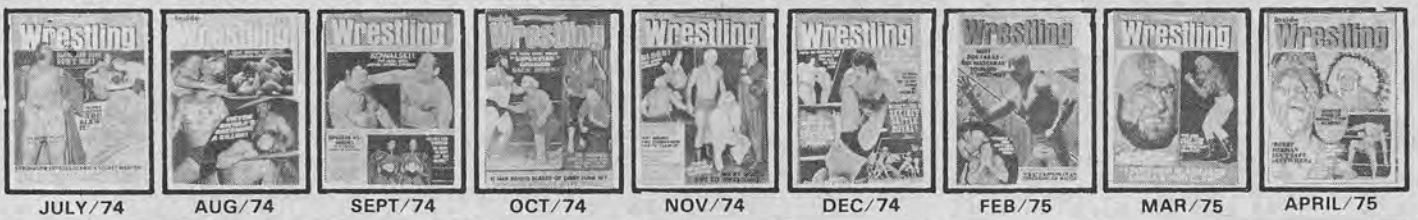

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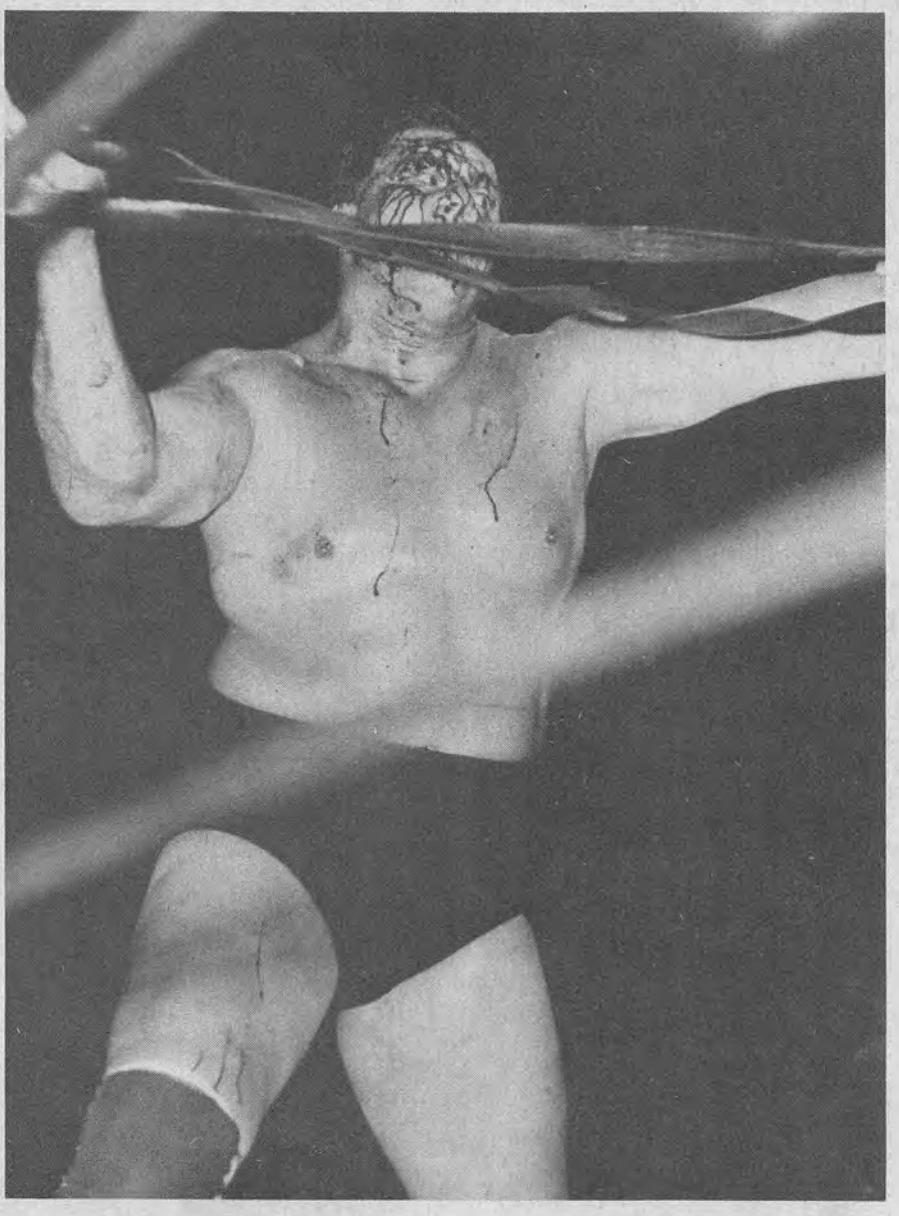
"WAHOO CAN'T EVEN WIN AN INDIAN STRAP MATCH!"

They said Blackjack Mulligan was crazy to get involved in an Indian Strap match with Chief Wahoo McDaniel. In this exclusive story, Mulligan proves he wasn't crazy to take that match after all! PHOTOS BY BILL JANOSIK



A bleeding Wahoo McDaniel holds onto the strap at the other end of which is Blackjack Mulligan. Mulligan claims Wahoo is not as good as the experts claim.

BY BLACKJACK MULLIGAN

I'D BEEN HEARING for years how tough Chief Wahoo McDaniel was in an Indian strap match. "Wahoo's the best!" they'd say. "Wahoo can't be beaten." Just goes to show how ignorant people are!

I've proven Wahoo's competence in a strap match is pathetic! He's a rotten wrestler with that thing around his wrist. It also makes him a coward.

That's right, all you dumb fans of that feathered clown. In a strap match, McDaniel, never brave to begin with, is reduced to a whimpering mass. It's enough to make you pity that moron. Wrestling McDaniel makes you understand how the Indians lost the West. The ghost of Geronimo ought to haunt the guy for proving Indians are such lousy warriors.

I'll admit I thought I'd have a tough time against the bum. After all, I'd heard the same nonsense everyone else has heard. If everyone tells you McDaniel is the best man in the sport at Indian strap matches, you begin to believe it.

I took the match because I like a challenge. I wanted to beat the guy at his own game. When he dared me to take the strap match, I was more than ready to accept.

Well, it took me less than a minute to realize all this guy's skill is his mouth. He couldn't do anything right. He couldn't do anything, period! I made him a bloody mess before I worked up a sweat.

Now, the hardest part of a strap

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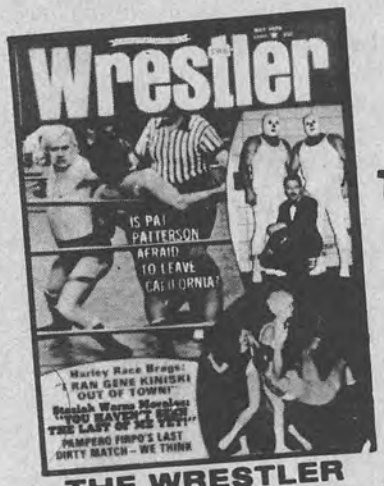
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Maybe it isn't wrestling. But regardless of what Tarzan Tyler calls it, it was enough to put a crimp into his plans

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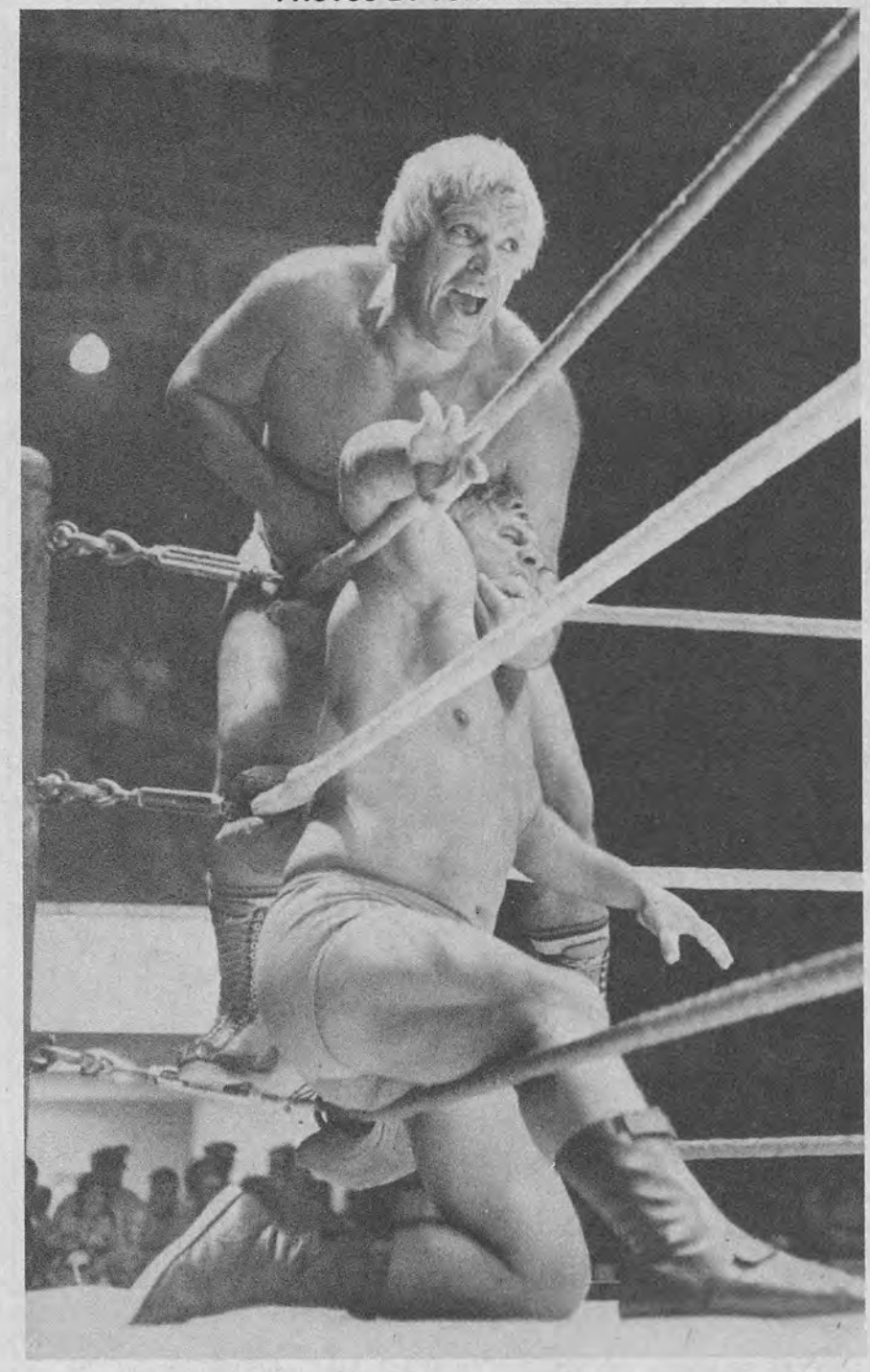

TARZAN TYLER almost had an impressive victory over Edouard Carpentier. However, as Tyler said, "I lost my head in the end. I completely blew my cool." It is something he is too proud of.

Before the match Tyler said, "I have figured out how to whip Carpentier. I've got a plan to destroy him. Without the plan I can only defeat him in a rather hard battle."

At first, when asked if he could divulge what his plan was, Tyler said emphatically, No! Just be patient. You'll all get to see how I'll whip Carpentier into submission. But believe me, it's gonna be quite easy!"

However, after some prodding by reporters, Tyler decided there was no reason to keep his battle strategy a secret.

"You know," he said with a sly sort of smile. "By telling you guys how I plan to whip Edouard, the news is bound to get back to him pretty fast. Believe me, when he hears how I'll destroy and humiliate him, he'll go through plenty of mental anguish. Then tonight he'll suffer more mental anguish, on top of excruciating physical pain.

"Beating Carpentier will be easy. He's more of an acrobat than a wrestler. He's in the wrong sport. Something like gymnastics is more like it. I've got to admit that Carpentier can beat me every day of the year in gymnastics and tumbling. But in wrestling there's no way. I have studied him closely in his last few matches. He uses his flying somersault dropkick a lot, and it's really pretty to watch.

"Most of his opponents just stand there like they're hypnotized when he goes into his flying dropkick. Once he's in the air he's basically helpless. There's so much an opponent can do once Edouard is in the air, but I've

In order to defeat Edouard Carpentier, Tarzan Tyler feels it is necessary to keep the "Flying Frenchman" grounded. Tarzan finds the only way this can be done is through illegal tactics, like choking Edouard while Tyler's outside the ropes.

TYLER'S PLAN GOE
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never seen anybody take advantage of him. They're awe struck whenever he leaves the ground.

"I plan to either rush forward and drag him right out of the air, or take a few steps backwards and let him kick at nothing but air. Once he realizes he won't be able to land any dropkicks on me, he'll be forced to keep both feet on the floor and wrestle. Once he does that, he's finished. I'll chew him up and spit him out!"

For most of the match things went as Tyler had planned. Whenever Carpentier leaped into the air, Tarzan either pulled away or quickly rushed forward and grabbed the acrobatic Frenchman. Occasionally Tyler was caught with a flying dropkick to the face, one of them bringing a trickle of blood from his nose, but for the most part, never was Tarzan ever seriously hurt or dazed by one.

One ringside spectator, Ed Grilli, was impressed by Tyler's defensive strategy, even though he has long been a Carpentier fan. "I've long admired Carpentier," said Grilli, "basically because he's so scientific, so letter perfect. He rarely makes a mistake, but rather, waits for his opponent to make one. Then Edouard takes advantage and capitalizes on his opponents' miscue. Tyler is the first man I've ever seen completely turn the tables on Carpentier. He was so cool, so calculating. I doubt he can ever repeat his tremendous display of athletic ability against Edouard again, however. Carpentier is too smart for him. Carpentier is too smart for everybody."

Towards the end of the match, Carpentier began falling right into Tyler's trap. Tarzan backed up while Carpentier was in the air, allowing Edouard to crash heavily onto the

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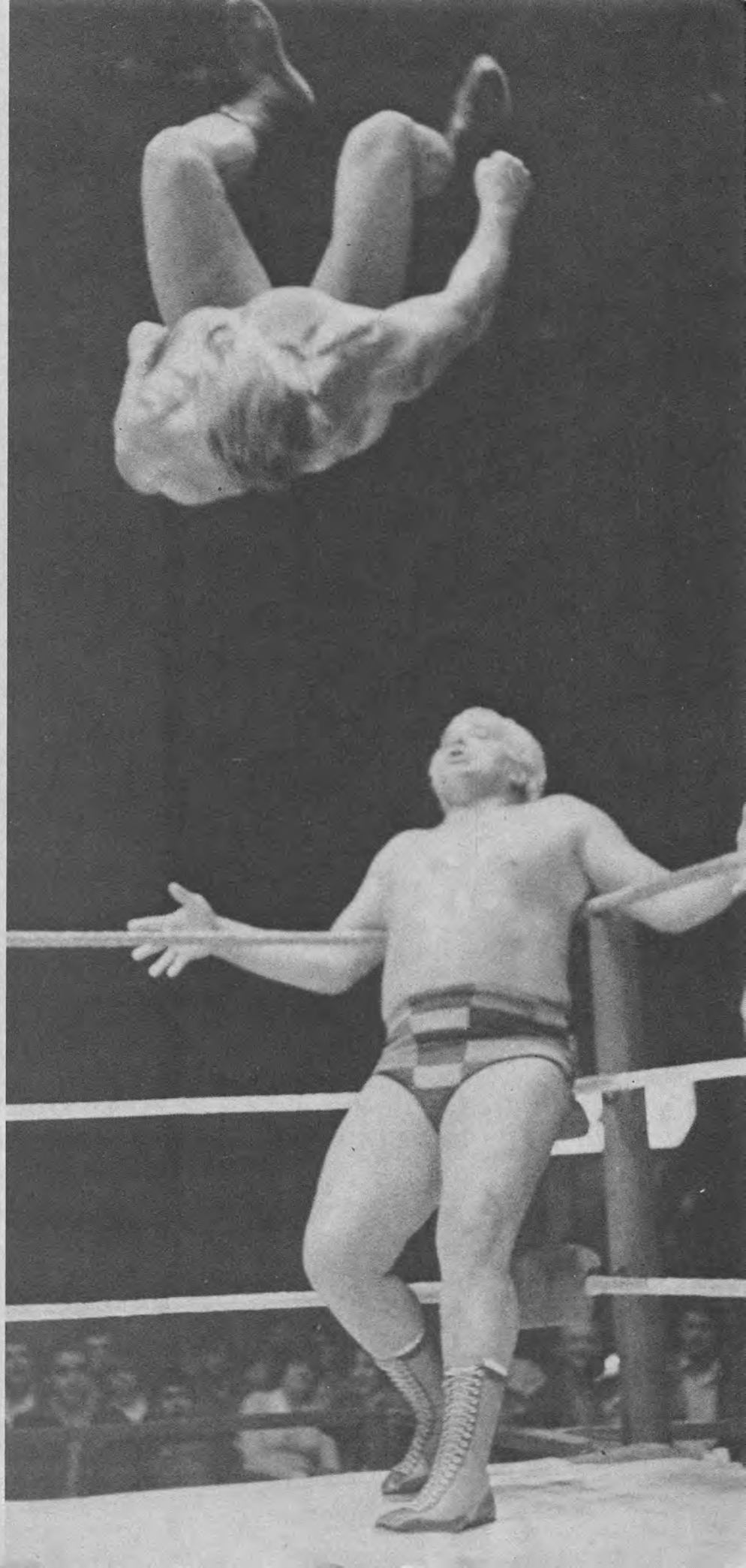

Here is Tyler's plan being put into action. Tarzan hopes that by stepping backwards while Carpentier is in the air, he will be able to avoid all of Edouard's flying maneuvers. However, as always, Tyler resorted to illegal maneuvers.

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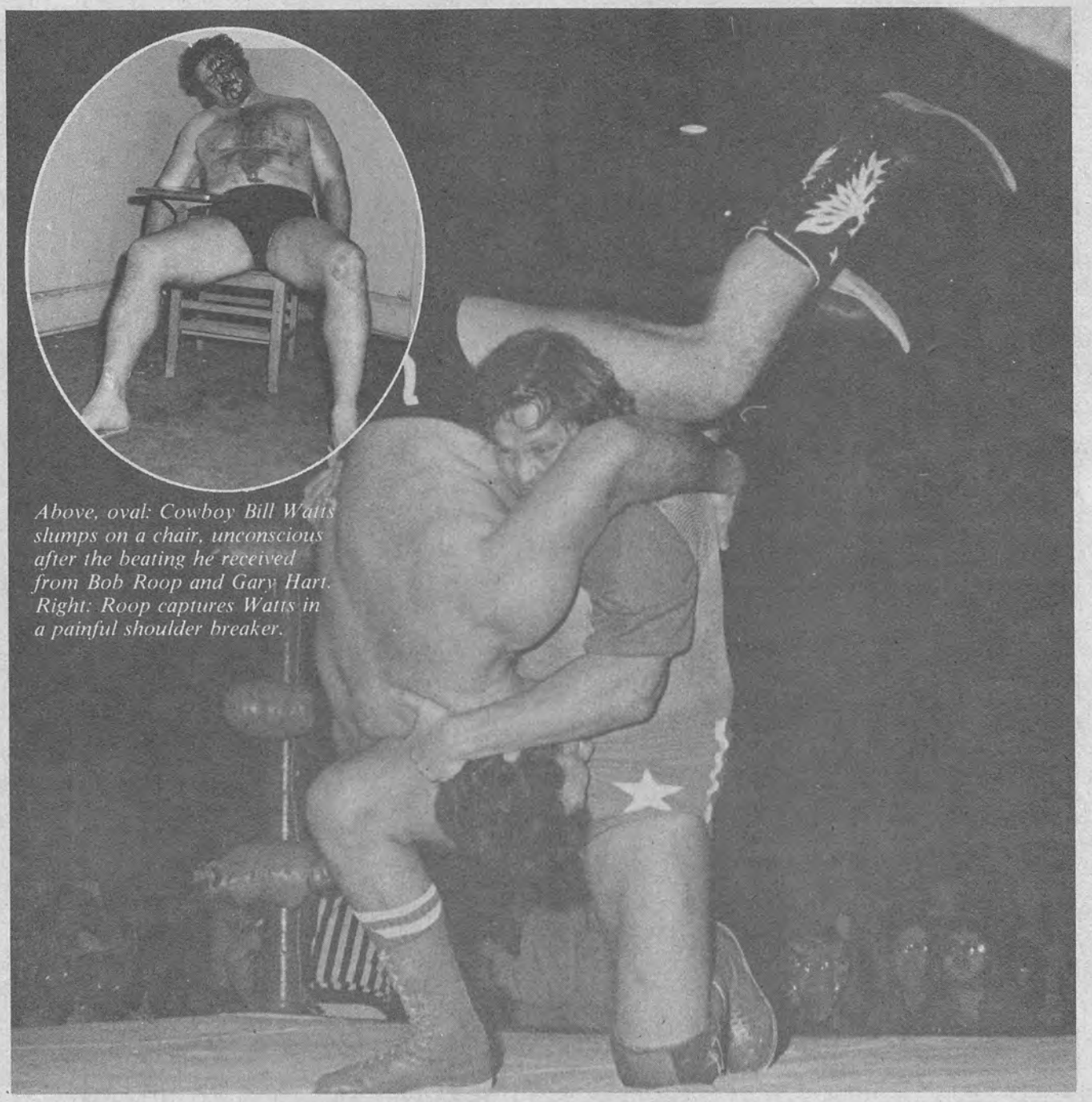


Above, oval: Cowboy Bill Watts slumps on a chair, unconscious after the beating he received from Bob Roop and Gary Hart. Right: Roop captures Watts in a painful shoulder breaker.

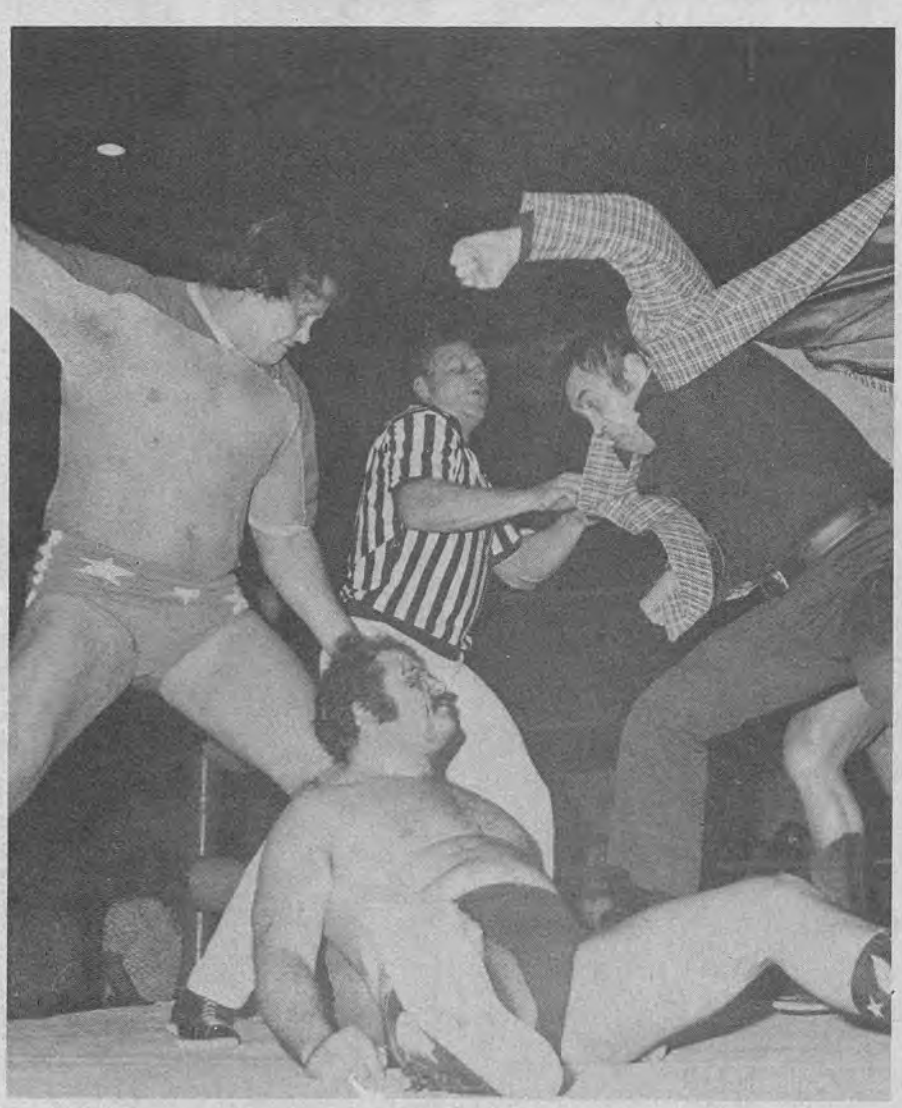
Nobody expected a match between Bob Roop and Cowboy Bill Watts to be one-sided. It was more than one-sided, however. It was a . . .

MASSACRE!

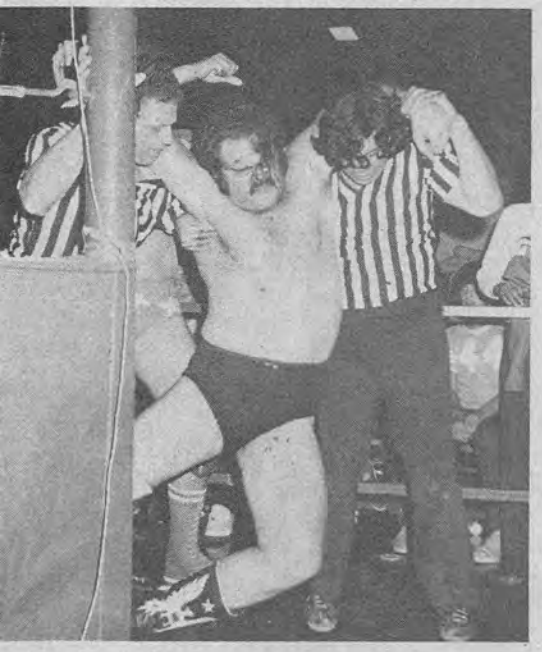
BEFORE THE SHOCK came the pain. Cowboy Bill Watts had no idea why his legs were going out from under him or why the world was tumbling around. By the time he realized what had happened, it was too late.

It was the pain which told him what had occured. The piercing agony tearing away at his shoulder made him realize he'd been attacked from behind. The same professional intelligence that diagnosed his plight told him he was helpless. As torrent after torrent of pain battered the strength from his body, Watts knew his first fear was right.

Bill still had to struggle, his professional athlete's instincts unable to accept defeat. Watching this brave man try to overcome impos-



Above: A helpless Bill Watts is pummeled at will by Bob Roop, Jim Dillon, and Gary Hart as the referee vainly tries to halt the massacre. Below: Bill is carried to the dressing room.



sible odds was a magnificent testament to a wrestler's courage. However, there are times when cruelty and power can overcome even the most remarkable bravery. This was one of those times.

Watts had been attacked by a man who has become his bitter enemy, Bob Roop. Only interested in inflicting punishment on Bill, Roop sneaked up behind Watts and trapped the popular grappler in a shoulder breaker. Over and over again, Roop slammed his victim's shoulder. That the bone wasn't broken was not due to Bob's compassion!

However, torturing Watts' shoulder and back wasn't enough to satisfy the rampaging Roop. He had to have blood to satisfy his savage desires for pain. However, Bob decided to use a little help from his friends.

The referee was held back by Jim Dillon, one of the latest recruits in manager Gary Hart's army. Hart himself had some fun helping to bloody Watts.

While the official was held at bay, Hart and Roop kicked and pummeled Bill's head. After the first gush of blood spurted out of the wound, there was no holding back the scarlet floor. Watts' face became a grotesque mask of blood. And the sight of the ripped flesh soaking red made Roop and Hart just that more anxious to inflict further damage.

Another referee, seeing what had happened, tried to stop the slaughter. But before he could get there, Roop and Hart had already decided to leave Watts lying senseless on the canvas. The official had barely climbed through the ropes when the cruel duo left the ring.

Above: One day after Watts' beating, Bill tells a TV audience he will get revenge.

Dillon, seeing what had happened, freed the other referee whom he had trapped in a corner. This left the two officials to care for the wrestler staining the canvas with his blood.

They carried the torn and bruised grappler back to the dressing room. They propped him up on a chair so the doctor could come and tend to his wounds. The physician told the press Watts would have no interviews that night.

The next day, Watts, his head bandaged to cover the stitches, called a press conference. He made no attempt to control his outrage.

"As soon as possible," he shouted, "I'm getting Roop in a match. And this time I'll be ready for him! *He's* going to be carried out this time!"

Anyone who saw Bill's angry face that afternoon will tell you Bob Roop, Gary Hart, and Jim Dillon are soon to be faced with the most dangerous challenge of their lives! □

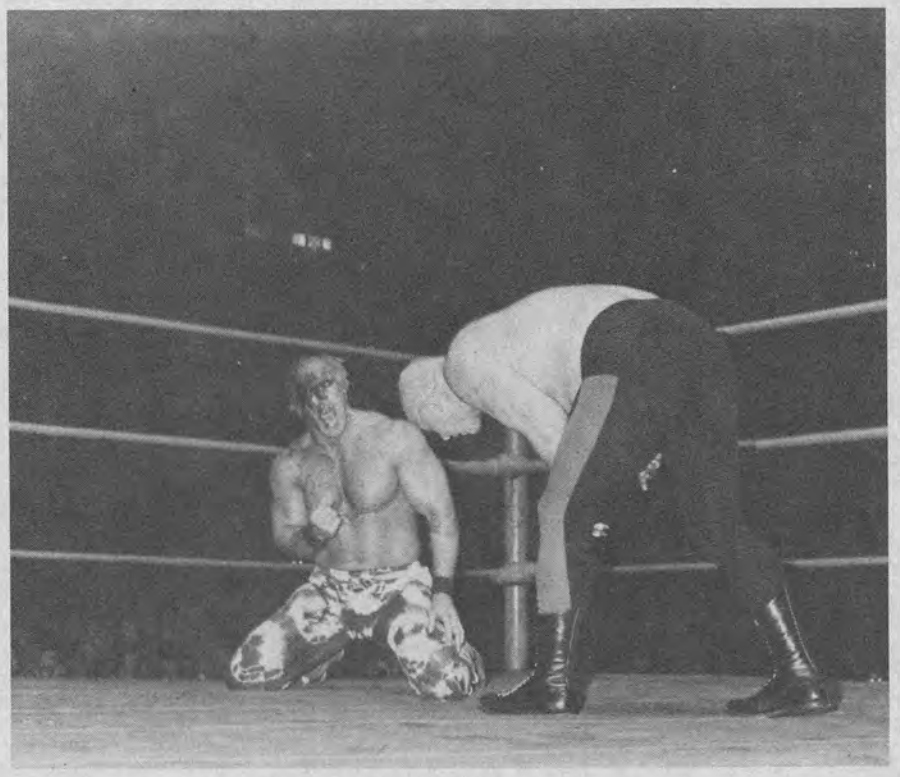
MORE AND MORE frequently, the famous face of Billy "Superstar" Graham is being obscured by a scarlet mask of his blood pouring over its features. It's the price this mat star has been called on to pay for wrestling men the fans hate. It's a horrible toll to exact from any athlete.

Graham would be inhuman if he didn't question his choice to become the target of his former friends, men who think nothing of mauling and maiming opponents. Because they feel Graham has betrayed them, he has become their special target. Their savage tactics could make anyone wonder if it's worth the hatred for an ideal—to become a successful wrestler, one of whom fans can be proud.

"I've got some of the most accomplished animals after my hide," Graham claims, and many agree with him. "I won't dignify them by naming them, but many were once my tag team partners—and friends. They see my change of tactics as a betrayal, and in a way they're right. I was once with them and I'm now against them!

"I'm getting pretty tired of what they're doing to me. I've become some sort of symbol to them, the man they want to destroy as a lesson to all 'traitors.' Bloodying me has become some crazy badge of honor.

"The whole business is killing wrestling for me. I've been forced into this corner as the defender of wrestling. I don't want to become a symbol. I want to become a champion! And how the hell can you get to be champion when ever berserk clown in the world thinks he can prove



Now that Billy Graham is wrestling men the fans hate, he is being bloodied more than ever. Graham is on the canvas, bleeding profusely, while managing to marshal enough strength to punch Baron Von Raschke (above). A common sight now—Graham bleeding (right).

BILLY GRAHAM TELLS FANS: "MY BLOOD IS ON YOUR HANDS!"

how dirty he can wrestle by bloodying you?"

"I'm fed up with the whole damn thing. There are only three things I can do. I can continue to have wrestlers use everything including the kitchen sink to tear my flesh apart. I can rejoin my former comrades. Or I can retire from wrestling. The only thing stopping me from choosing either of the last two is that it would be admitting defeat. I wouldn't give them the satisfaction of admitting they beat me!"

However, many wonder how long Graham's resolve will hold out. They believe it will flow from him along with his blood. No man, the reasoning goes,

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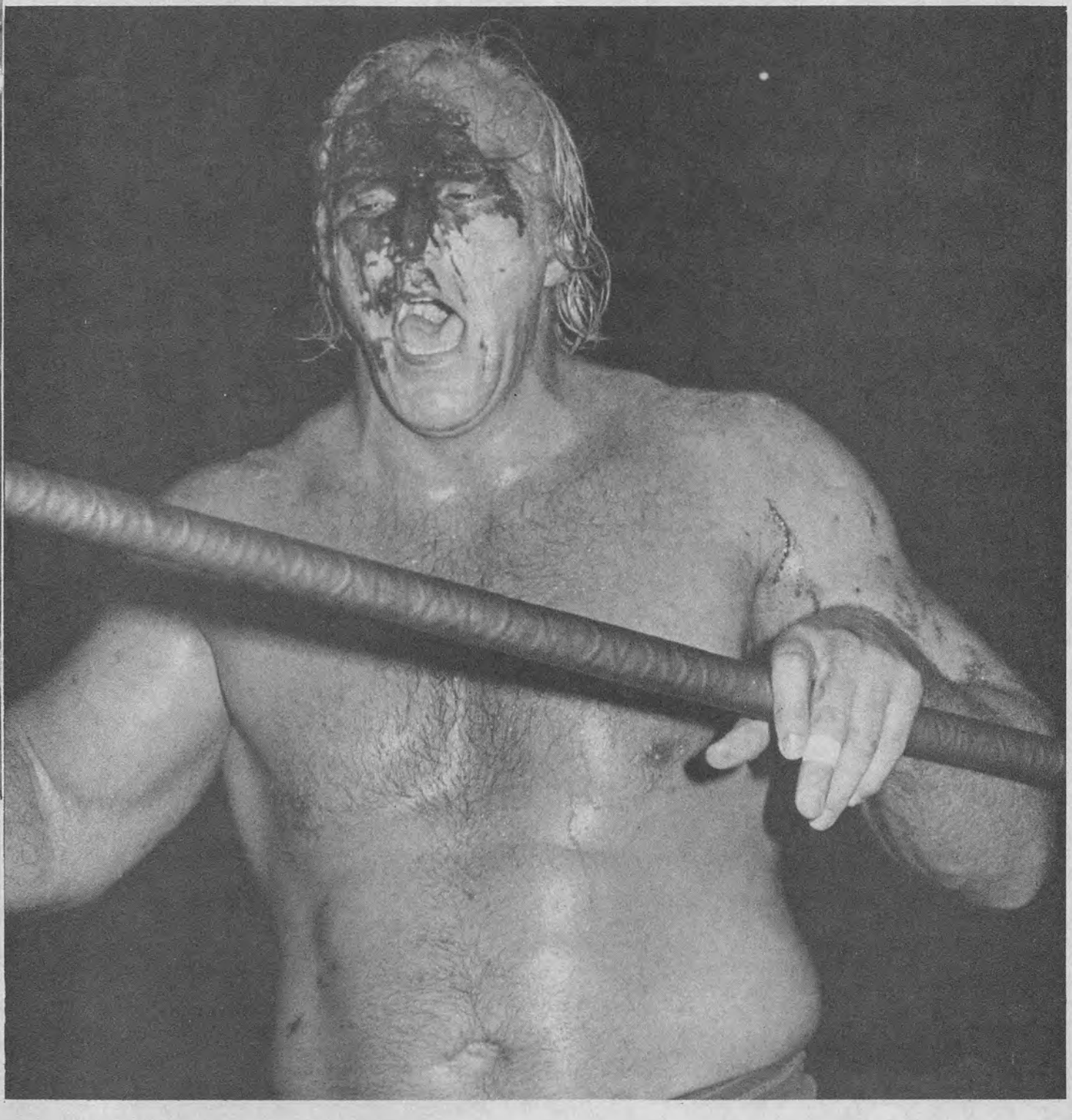
Ever since he's become a fan favorite, "Superstar" Graham has been on the wrong end of some incredible punishment. How long will he endure it simply to please the fans?



WRESTLING'S FIENDISH FACES

Here it is. A "Rogue's Gallery" of the faces that give you nightmares!

THE SHEIK

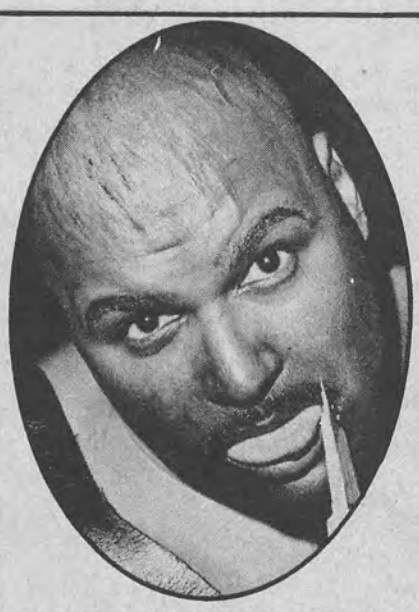
Specialties: Cutting wrestlers to pieces and shooting fire!

A man who'll turn on his best friends. One minute he might be teaming with them, the next he's tearing them apart. Totally crazed, The Sheik always carries a foreign object into the ring. He seems to get extreme pleasure in seeing the blood of his opponents. He's not playin' with a full deck!

PAMPERO FIRPO

Specialties: The "El Gorfio" and the Argentinian bearhug.

His wild, mangy hair and the deep, echoing growl are his fearsome characteristics. Although he also wrestles other men fans hate, Pampero's face is certainly one of the most frightening you've ever seen. He's never lost the animalistic attitude he learned as a child in the Argentinian jungles.



ABDULLAH THE BUTCHER

Specialties: Flying elbow drop and all kinds of savagery.

Look into his eyes. You'll note they don't let you take your eyes away for one moment. They're almost hypnotic. This crazed man will tear anyone apart for no reason. Dealing with him is impossible. If anyone belongs locked up in a cage it is this untamed beast.

GEORGE "THE ANIMAL" STEELE

Specialties: Choking, eye gouging and skull busting.

He's a man who looks scared. But don't let him fool you. He's an aggressive maniac. He'll chew turnbuckles up and use the insides to rake his opponent's eyes out. Steele loves to draw blood from the man he's wrestling. Don't try to take his picture. His hobby is busting cameras—and heads!

THE MUMMY

Specialties: Throwing sand and gouging opponents with his wrappings.

Cursed is any wrestler who signs a contract to oppose this mysterious man. Leaving a path of broken bodies behind him, the Mummy goes out of his way to make his opponent suffer as much agony as possible. If the referee tries to stop him, he'll punish the official just as badly as his opponent.

LUKE GRAHAM

Specialties: Using a taped thumb to poke eyes out.

Nicknamed "Crazy Luke," we wonder if that name is too mild for him. One of the famous Graham clan, Luke, perhaps, is the most vicious. He often brings foreign objects into action and loves to hear his victim crying out in pain. He'll do anything to prove he's the sport's most vicious man.

FRED BLASSIE

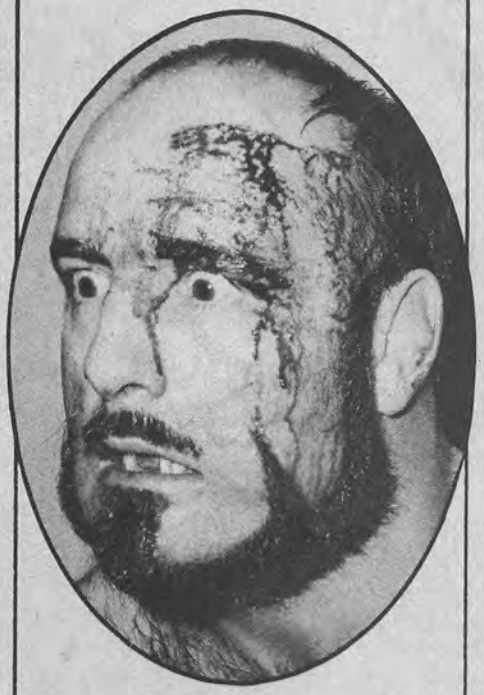
Specialties: Biting, gouging and choking.

This man has drawn more blood from wrestlers than almost any other man. He delights in cutting open foreheads and sucking the blood. They've nicknamed him "Vampire" and rightfully so. Blassie sharpens his teeth before every match. He doesn't even know a rule book exists.

WILD BULL CURRY

Specialties: Taking the match outside the ring and bone breaking.

A loud vicious scream. That's what you'll hear looking at Curry's face. His aggressive and brutal tactics make him one of the most feared men in wrestling. Curry's been known to wreck entire arenas. He's totally unpredictable, has crippled more men than anyone else in the sport.



MAD DOG VACHON

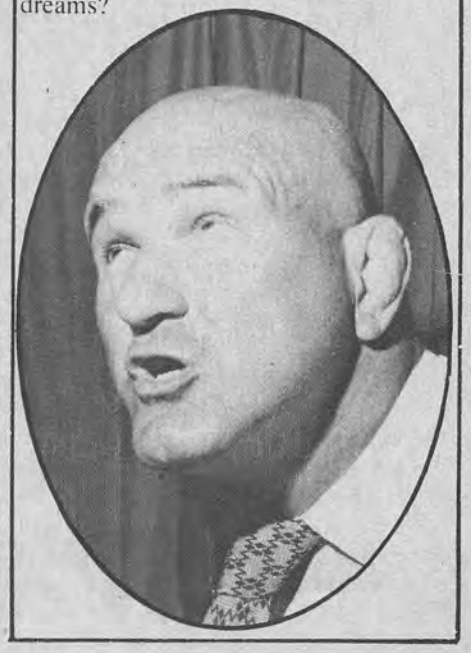
Specialties: The piledriver and the backbreaker.

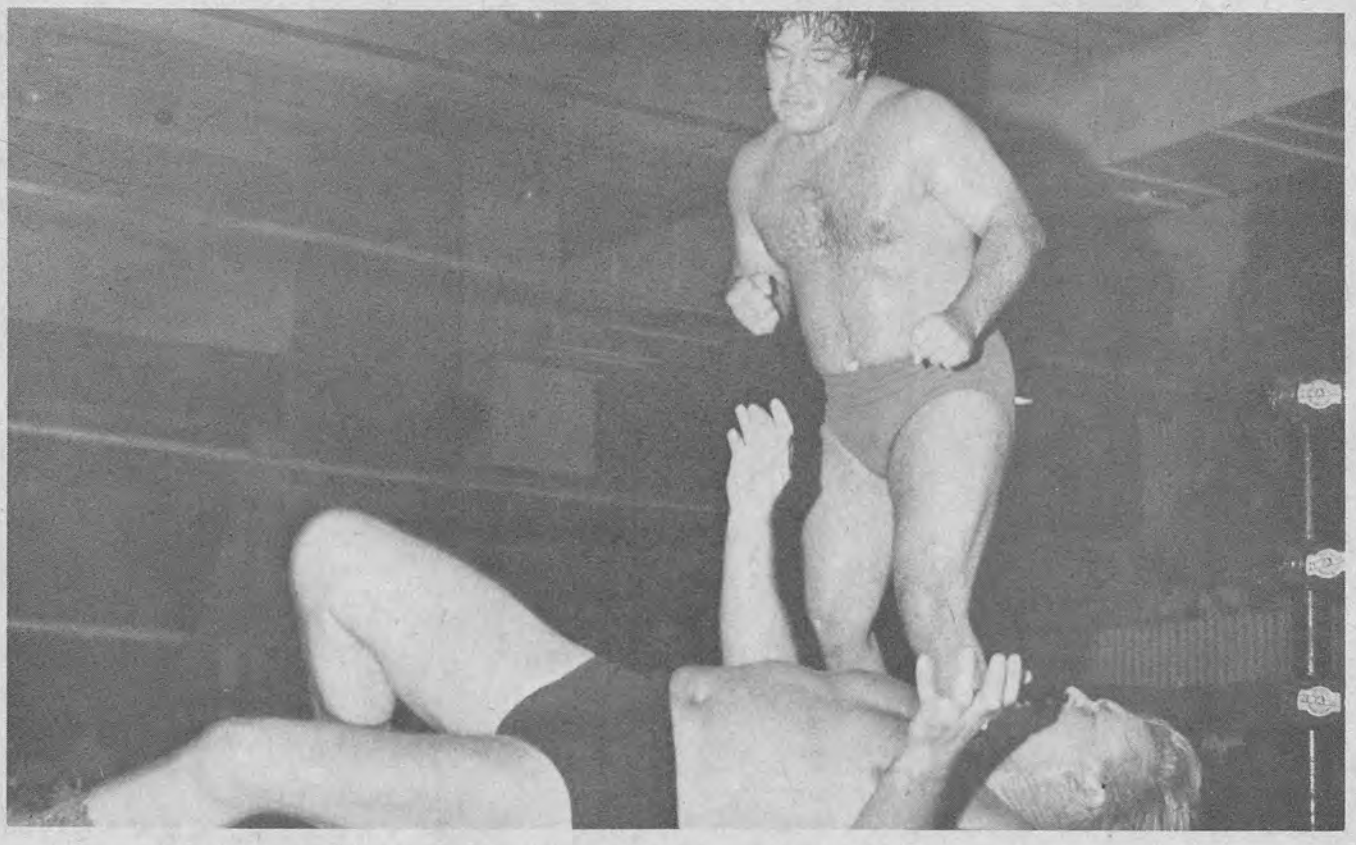
He may be small in height, but this terrifying man makes up for it when he gets down to business. Known to come into matches with uncut, long nails on his fingers, Vachon rakes his opponent's back until he's bleeding. Then he does the same to other parts of his anatomy!

BRUTE BERNARD

Specialties: Bustin' up parts of the ring and using them as weapons.

Much like George Steele in looks and actions, Bernard becomes totally crazed once the bell rings. Rather than drawing blood, he'd prefer to bust bones. His face, so terrifying, was not allowed to be shown on television in many states. How'd you like to see him in your dreams?





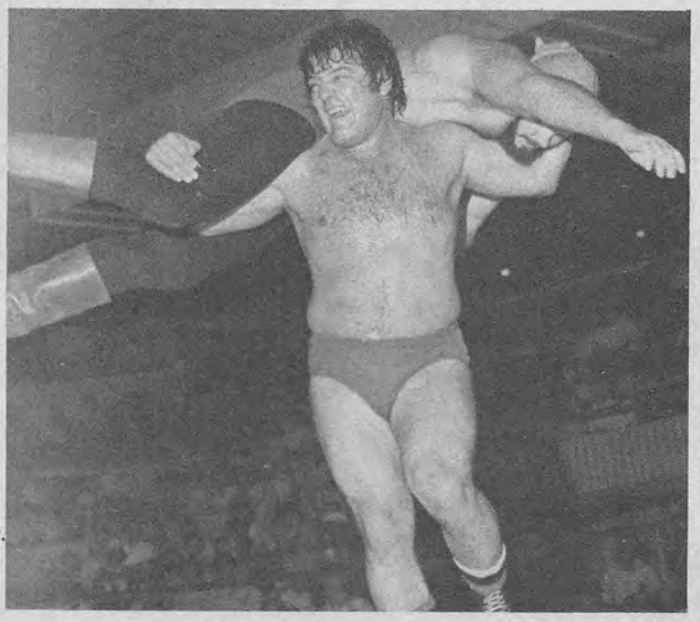
WHY PAUL JO
THE NEXT N.W.

We don't often go out on a limb. But the staff of this magazine is in agreement. When Jack Brisco is finally dethroned—Paul Jones will be the man to do it!

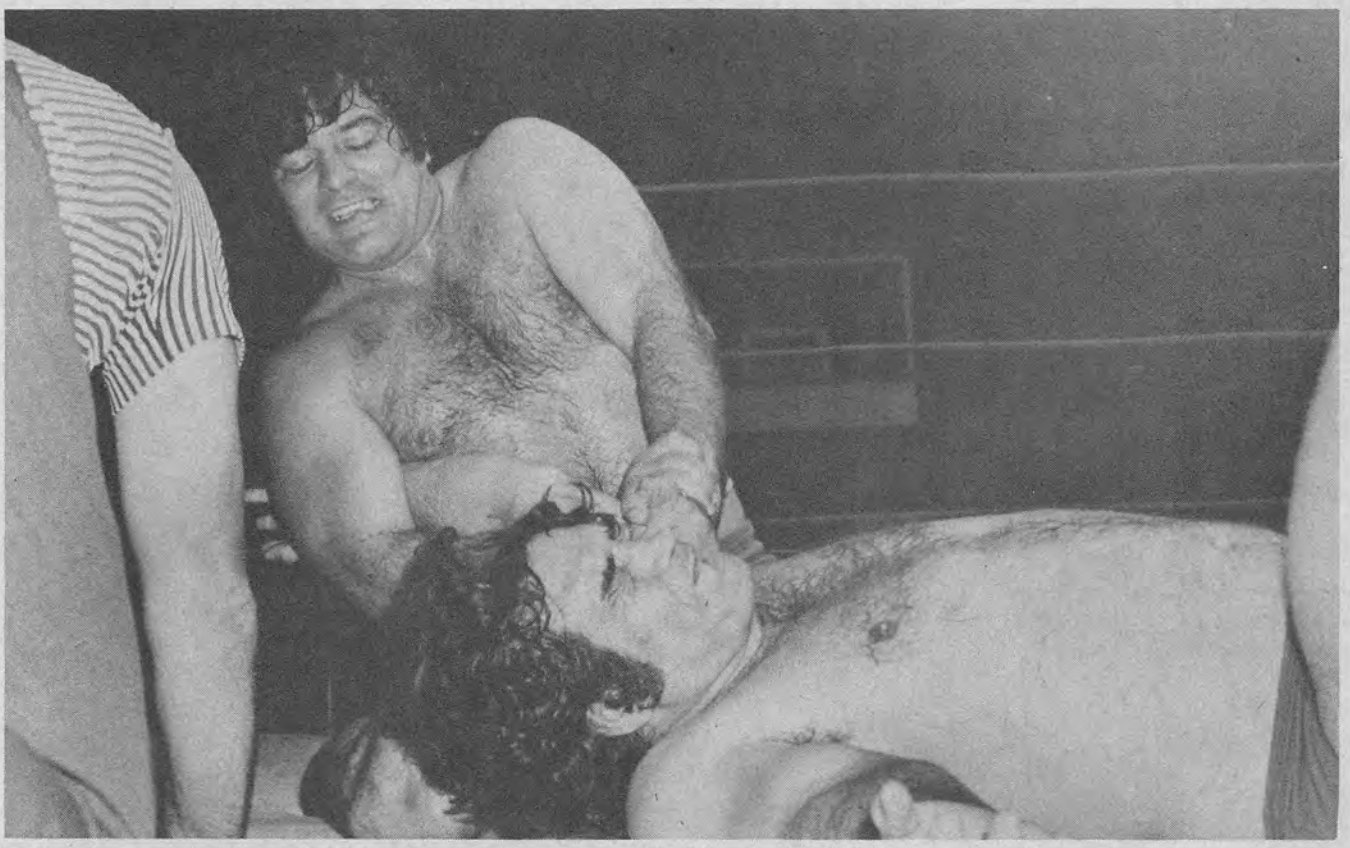
DESTINY PLAYS AN important part in our lives. And in the life of sensational Paul Jones, it may play a gigantic part. For many experts have pegged Jones as the man destined to defeat Jack Brisco for the National Wrestling Alliance title.

Sure Brisco was whipped by Baba the Giant, but Jack regained the top laurels. Insiders feel when Jones does beat Brisco, Jack will not be able to get the belt back!

Jack Brisco is not new to Paul Jones. Not by any means. The two have had wars for several years. It was Jones who upset Jack several times to win regional titles. As a matter of fact, Brisco had gone unbeaten for years until Jones came along.



Paul Jones has proved he is one of the sport's best superstars. He has shown his ability against men like Ivan Koloff (right) and Johnny Valentine (top). Many feel it is only a matter of time before Paul becomes N.W.A. champion.



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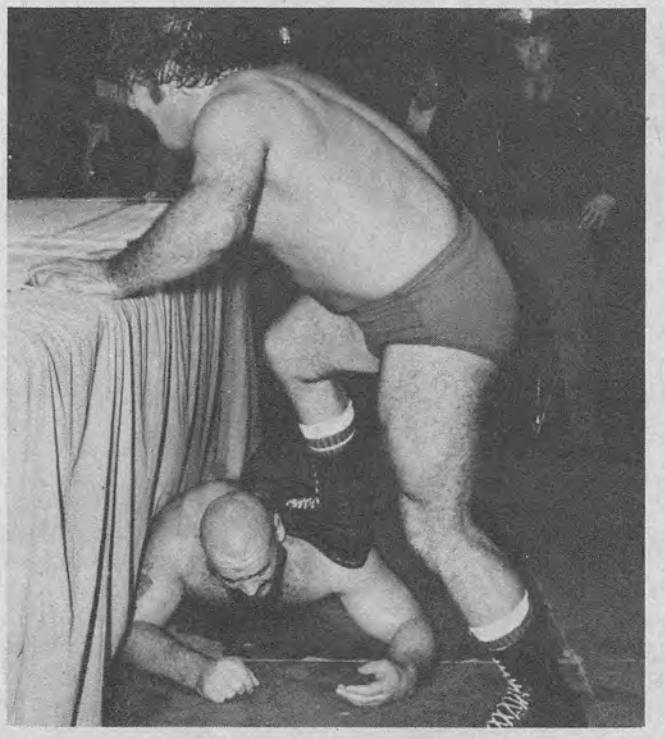


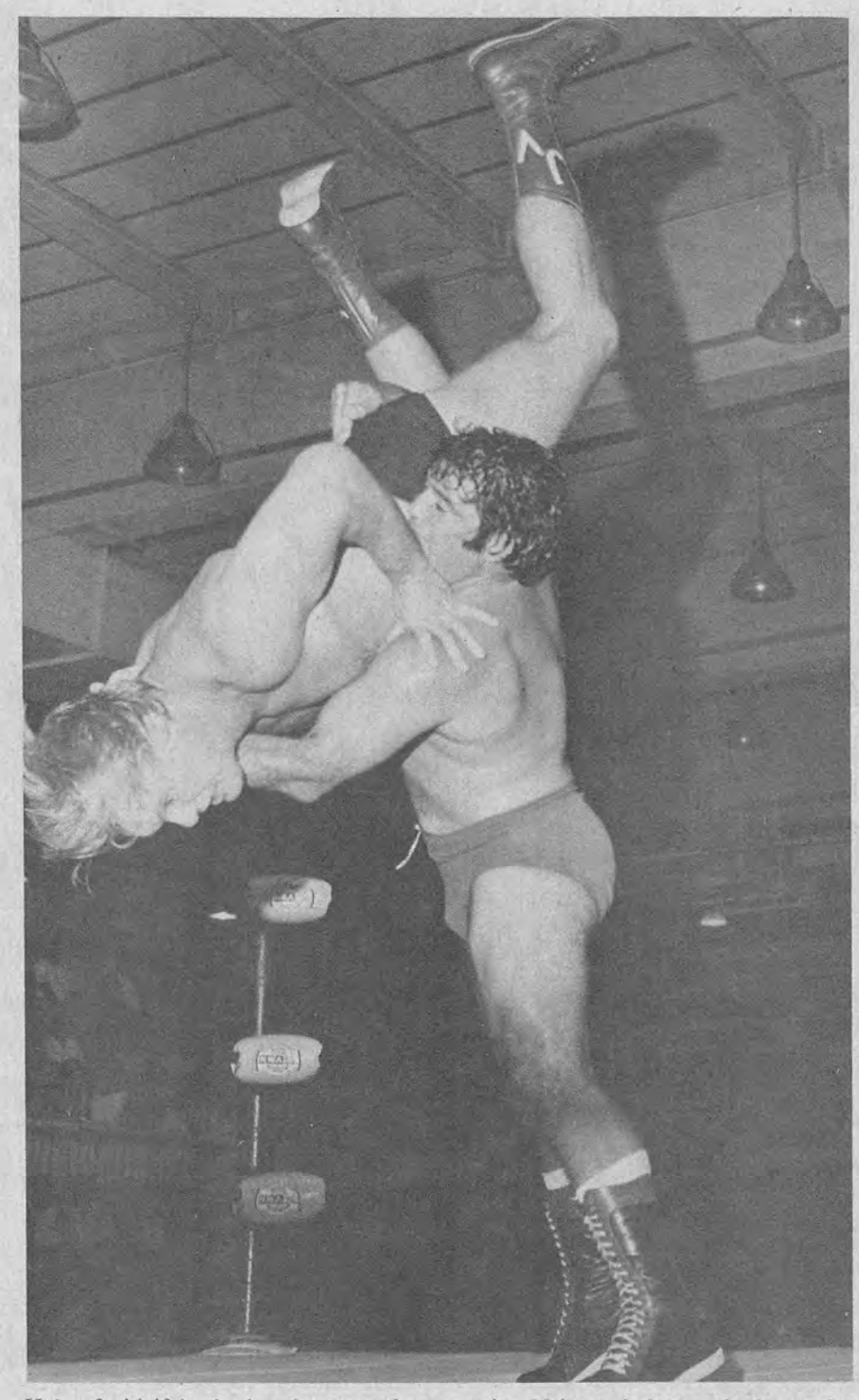
Paul Jones and Jack Brisco have wrestled many times. Paul tortures Jack with an armbar (top) but is unable to take Jack's title. Against rulebreakers like Koloff, Jones resorts to any means necessary to win (left). Paul can wrestle scientifically or roughhouse style, both with success.

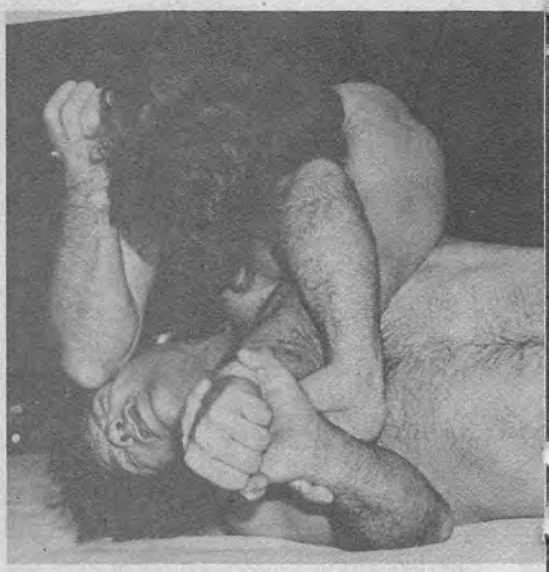
Since Jack's been in charge of the championship he has yet to defeat Jones. They've wrestled many times. Most times Jack's title has been saved on technicalities. Other matches Brisco wrestles are usually clean-cut wins. But not against Jones. Brisco admits Jones is "a thorn in my side."

Paul claims he has Jack psyched out. He says that since he had such a devastating effect on Brisco years ago, Jack has not yet been able to psychologically get himself up for a match against him. He believes Jack feels he's going to lose like he did those times in years gone by.

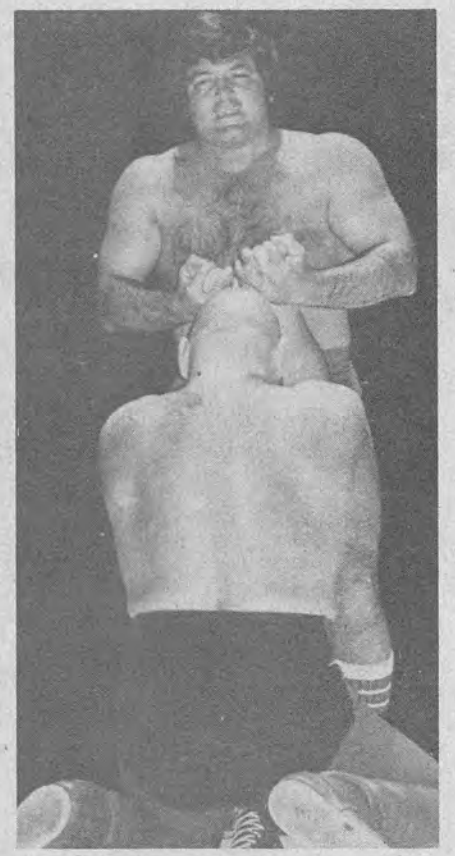
Besting Brisco's favorite holds is a real plus mark for Jones. He's worked counterattacks for the figure-four leglock and abdominal stretch—two of Jack's most deadly weapons. And without those moves, Jones says, "Jack is almost helpless."

Paul Jones doesn't have a real specialty in his repertoire of holds.





Above: Brisco rams his elbow into the side of Jones' skull. Below: Jones, one of wrestling's strongest men, wins a test of strength with Koloff. Left: Johnny Valentine learns how painful a body slam can be.



He's afraid if he had, other wrestlers would pick up his best holds and work out counter-holds—as is the case with Brisco. Paul can wrestle either scientifically or roughhouse. He excels at both styles.

Paul has had classic confrontations against top contender Dory Funk Jr., Dory's brother Terry, Johnny Valentine, and other top men. But what he's bucking for now is a chance to wrestle Shoehi Baba, Brisco's conqueror.

In order to do this, Paul is negotiating with N.W.A. bigwigs to sign the match when Baba comes to America again. If it can't be worked out that way, Jones is eager to go to Japan and beat Baba if front of a hometown crowd. He feels a victory over Baba will prove he's champion with or without a belt.

But let's analyze this. Why hasn't Paul been able to take Jack's title since they've been grappling for that honor? If Brisco finally psyching him out?

"No way," says Paul. He says Jack Brisco has changed his style somewhat. "Jack doesn't go right in and do battle the way he used to. He'll kill time and stay away from an opponent who has the edge on him." Paul will also tell you he thinks Brisco is smart to do this. For a champion's best defense is to back off when the going gets rough.

The time limit has been one factor which has cost Paul the title. Just when it looks like Jones is going to win the

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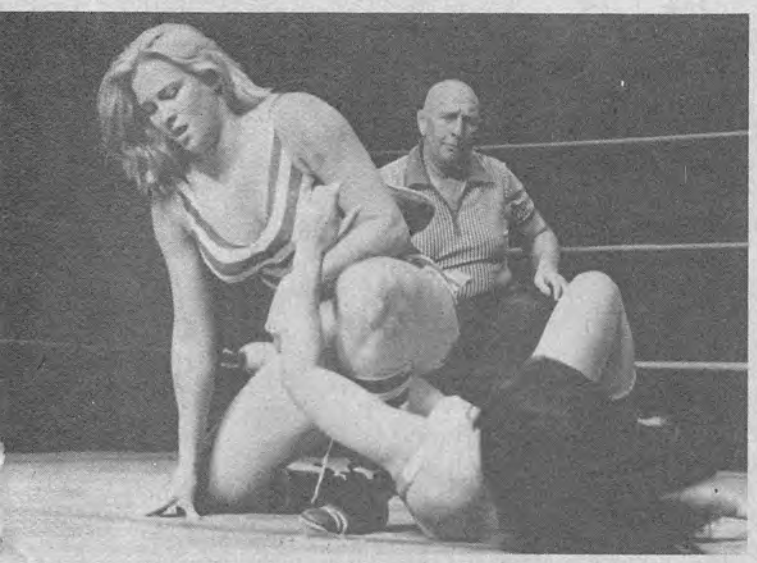
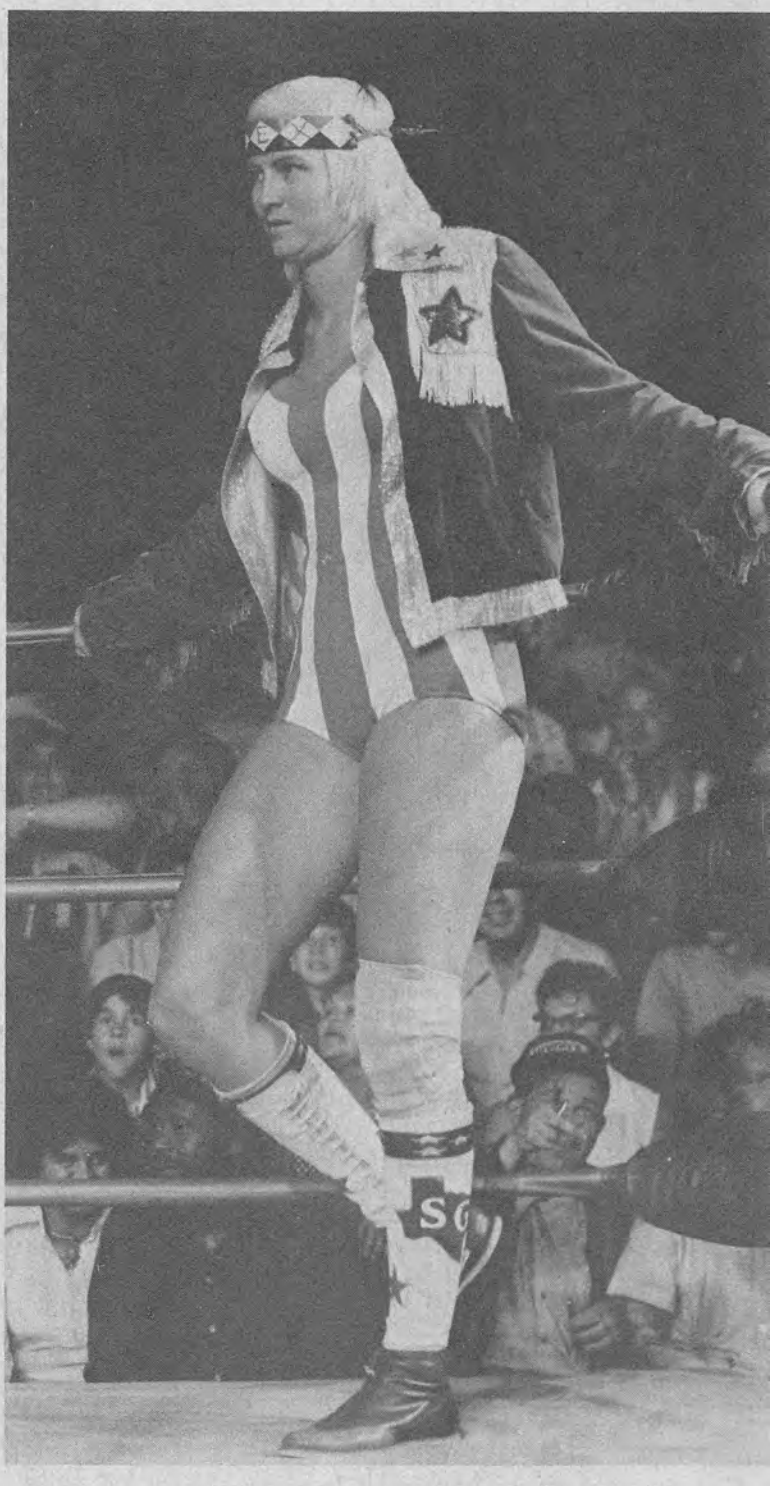
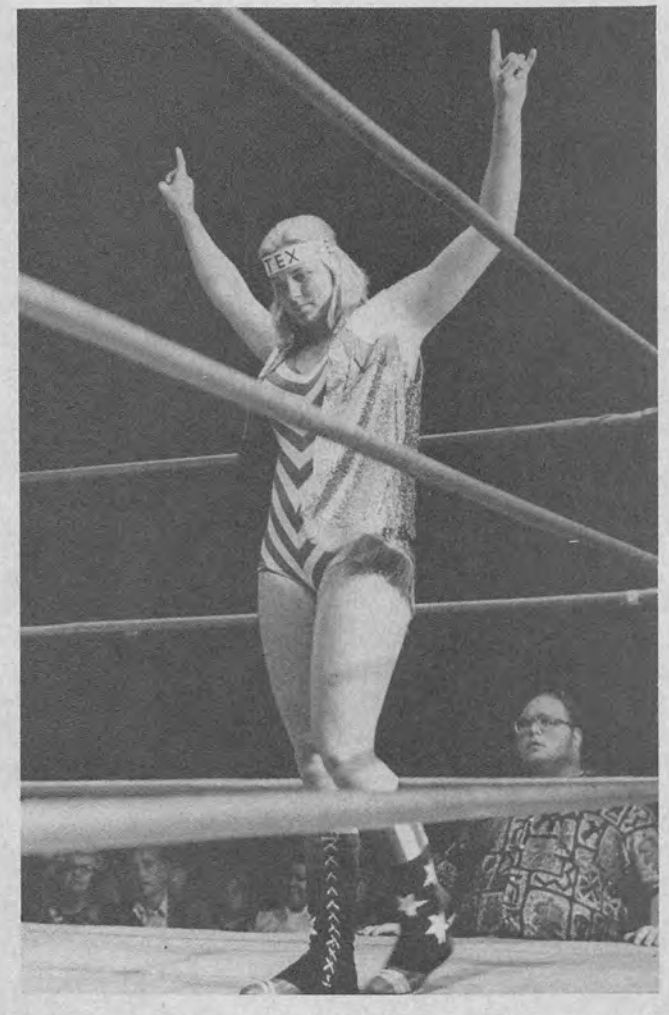


Above: In their wild battle, Sue Green has Donna Christenello captured in a leglock. Below: Sue lowers the boom on Donna! Right: The beautiful Susan waits to be introduced from her corner.

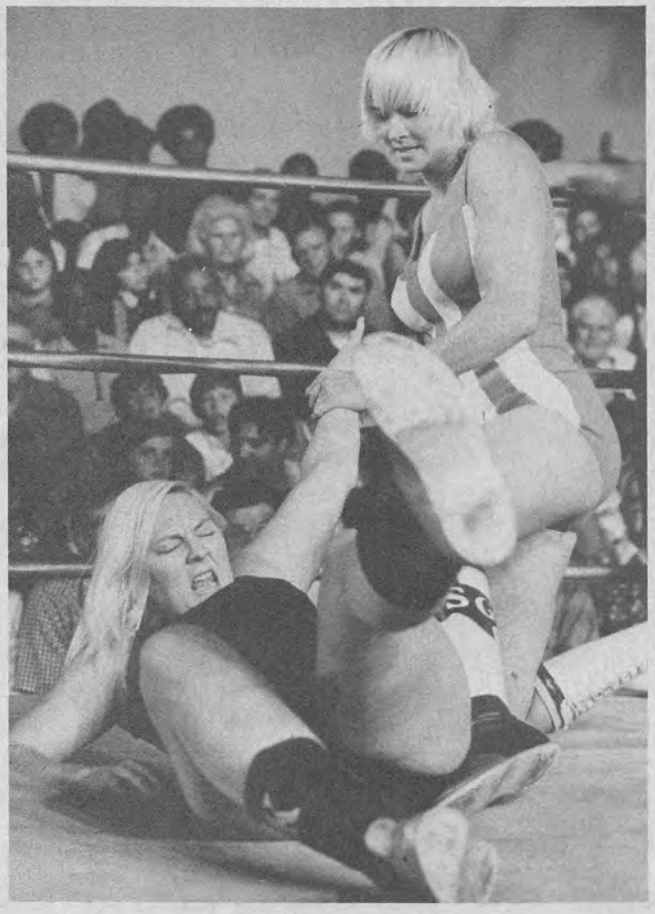


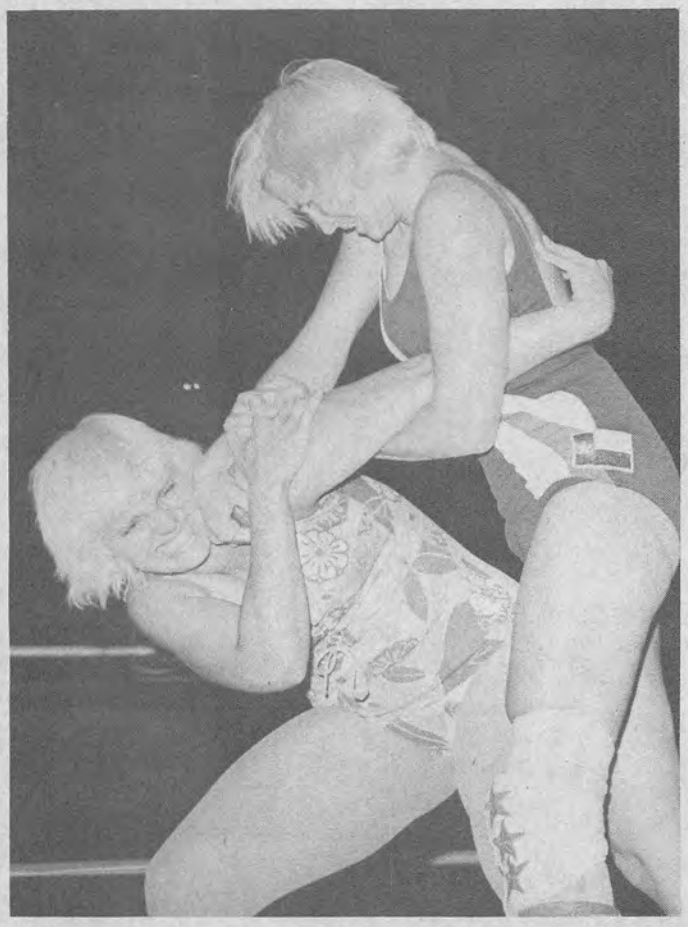
SUE GREEN MEANS EXCITEMENT!

Among all the talented and beautiful women wrestlers, few cause the excitement of sensational Sue Green. These pictures show why!

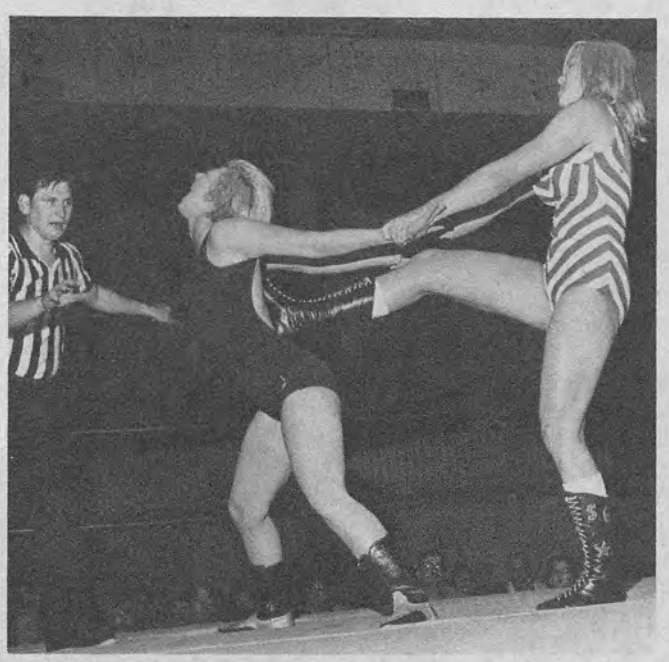


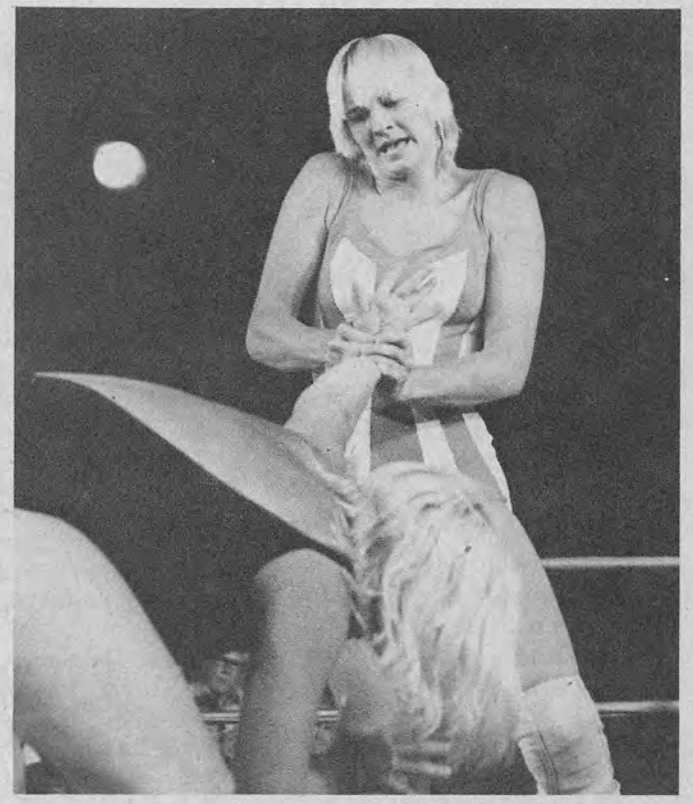
Left: After she is introduced, Sue accepts the cheers of the crowd. She is one of the most popular of all the women wrestlers. Right: A painful wristlock has Paula Kaye hurt and yelling for help. Susan is now hot on the trail of Moolah.



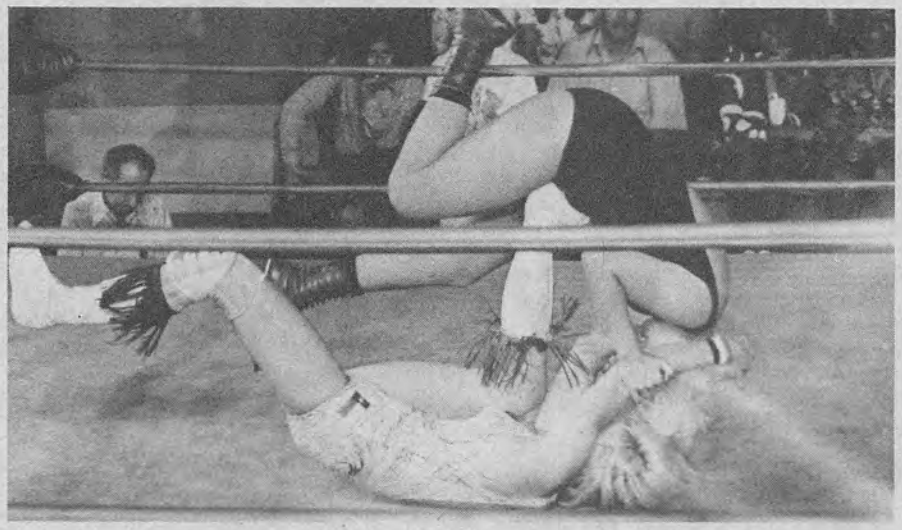


One of Sue's favorite holds is the wristlock, with which she punishes Paula Kaye during a recent match (left). This Texas lassie sure knows her rasslin'! Another wrestler to feel the vast repertoire of Susan's hold is Peggy Patterson, a victim of an armbar (above). Many experts predict Susan will be world's champion within a very few years.





A perfectly executed surfboard has Paula Kaye screaming for mercy (above). No women wrestler can boast of knowledge of more holds than Sue. Another Sue Green wristlock has Paula bent over in pain. Sue always tries to wrestle scientifically.



Above: Peggy Patterson learns there's more to Sue Green than just beauty. A fine monkey flip has Peggy flying through the air before she meets the canvas—hard! Below: Susan falls victim to an armbar applied by Paula Kaye. Right: Growing tired of a scientific bout, Paula lashes a kick to the chest. Sue recovered to gain a victory.

At the mere sight of his bitter enemy, Jim Valiant, Chief Jay Strongbow becomes filled with rage. This feud has been going on for over three years now.

CHIEF JAY STRONGBOW WAITED THREE YEARS FOR THIS MATCH

No match ever stood out in Chief Jay Strongbow's mind like the one in which tag team partner and friend Handsome Jim Valiant double crossed him. Even though he's since gotten revenge, the Chief may never forget it

THE HORRIBLE NIGHTMARE still hasn't been erased in Chief Jay Strongbow's memory. Still, night after night, almost three years later, he still loses sleep over an incident that changed his life. It was three years ago that his best friend and tag team partner, Jim Valiant, ended their friendship and tried to kill the popular Indian.

"That snake in the grass!" Strongbow explodes as he talks about Valiant. "I've never met anyone so low as him. My blood *boils* when I remember what he did to me."

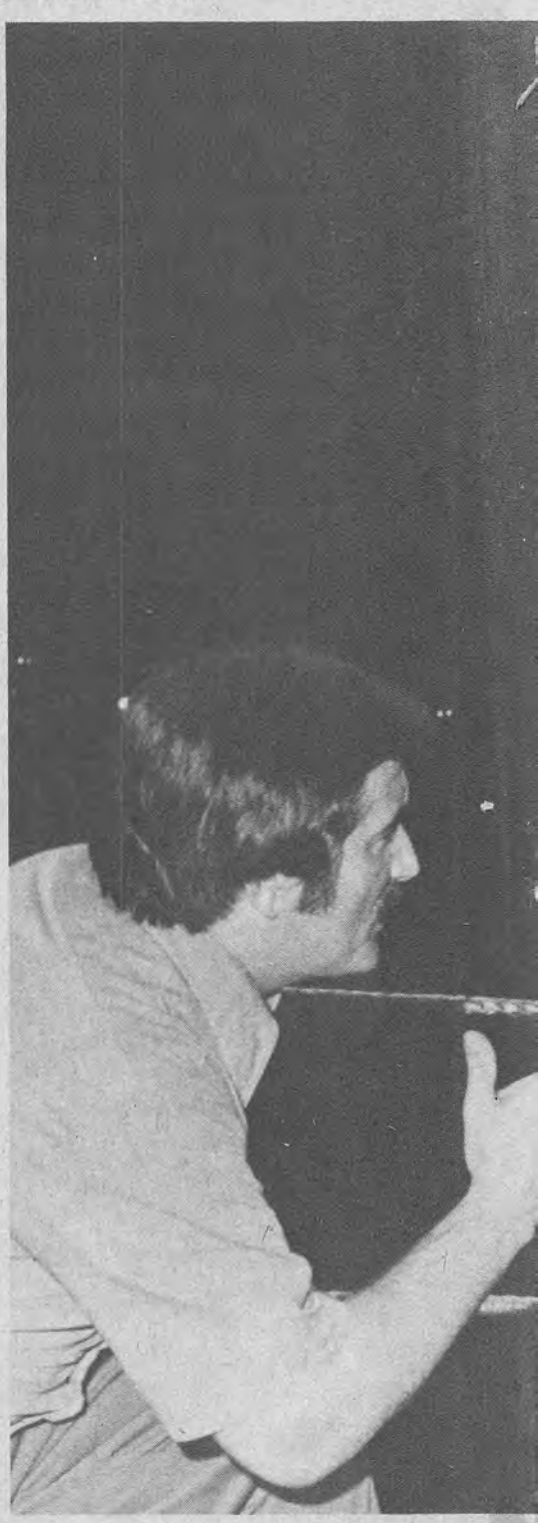
Then the pages open and the ugly wounds in Strongbow's memory again become all too real.

"He was wrestling in the World Wide Wrestling Federation area," the Chief remembered. "Jim Valiant came across as a good, scientific wrestler. He befriended me and we had a terrific relationship. Why I even helped him train for important matches. Hell, I taught him my special hold, the sleeper. I showed him how to apply it perfectly.

"Then we teamed up and were well on our way to the tag team title when he attacked me during a match and nearly killed me with my own sleeper hold. Later on I found out he was *planted* by the Grand Wizard to infiltrate my life and find out my secrets. And he succeeded. I just couldn't believe that this man I was so close to—the very man my wife and I invited to eat dinner with us at our house so many times—would be a dirty, stinkin' rat!"

Strongbow begged promoters to sign a match with him against Valiant. But they refused.

"Those guys are out to kill each other," one promoter said. "I won't have any death in my arena." And that was the feeling of 99 percent of the promoters. But one was willing to make the match. The promoter from the Boston Garden.



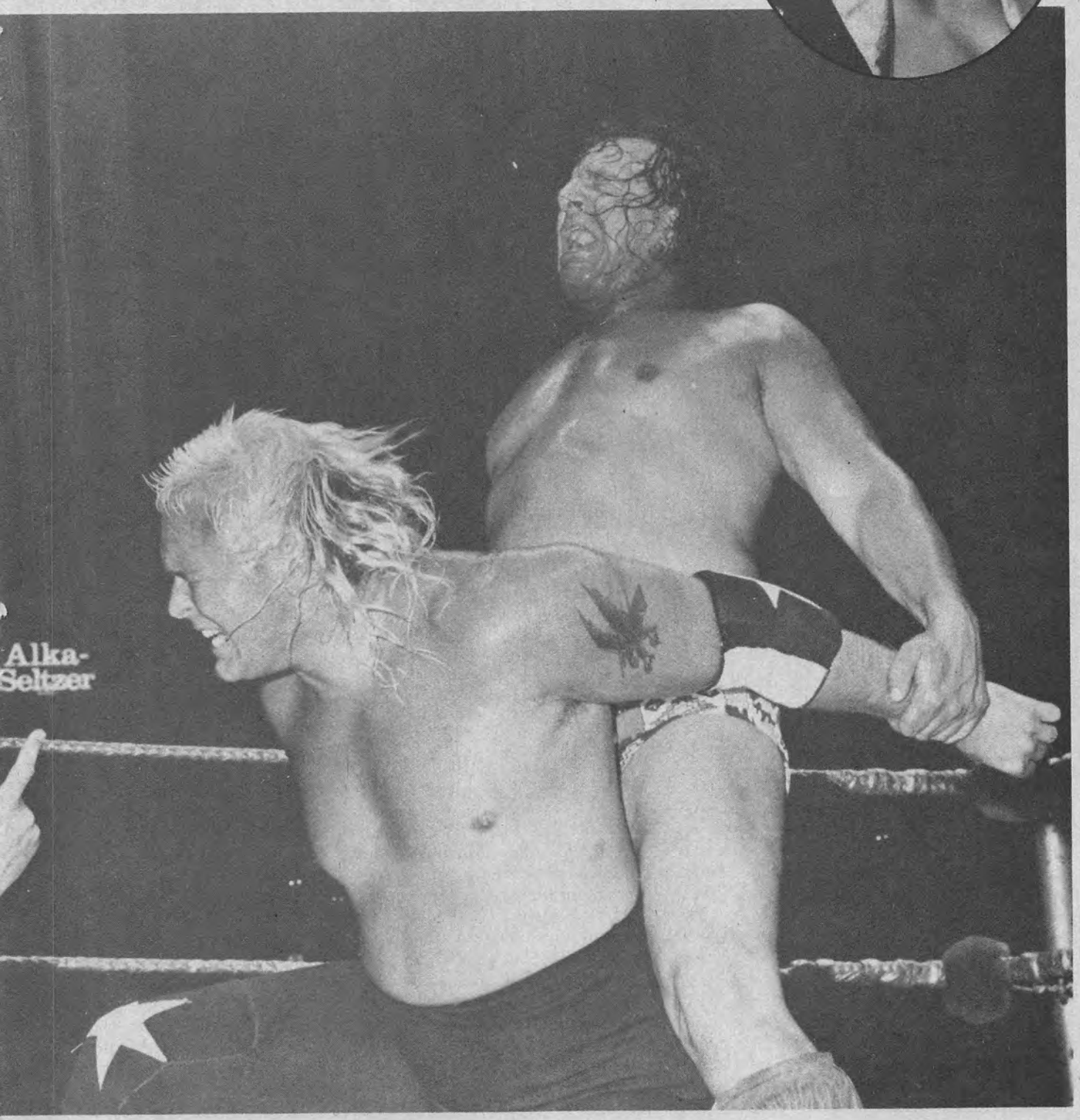
The match proved to be wild with each trying to destroy the other with sleeper holds. Both men went berserk, and finally both were disqualified. Shortly afterwards, Valiant left the W.W.W.F. area.

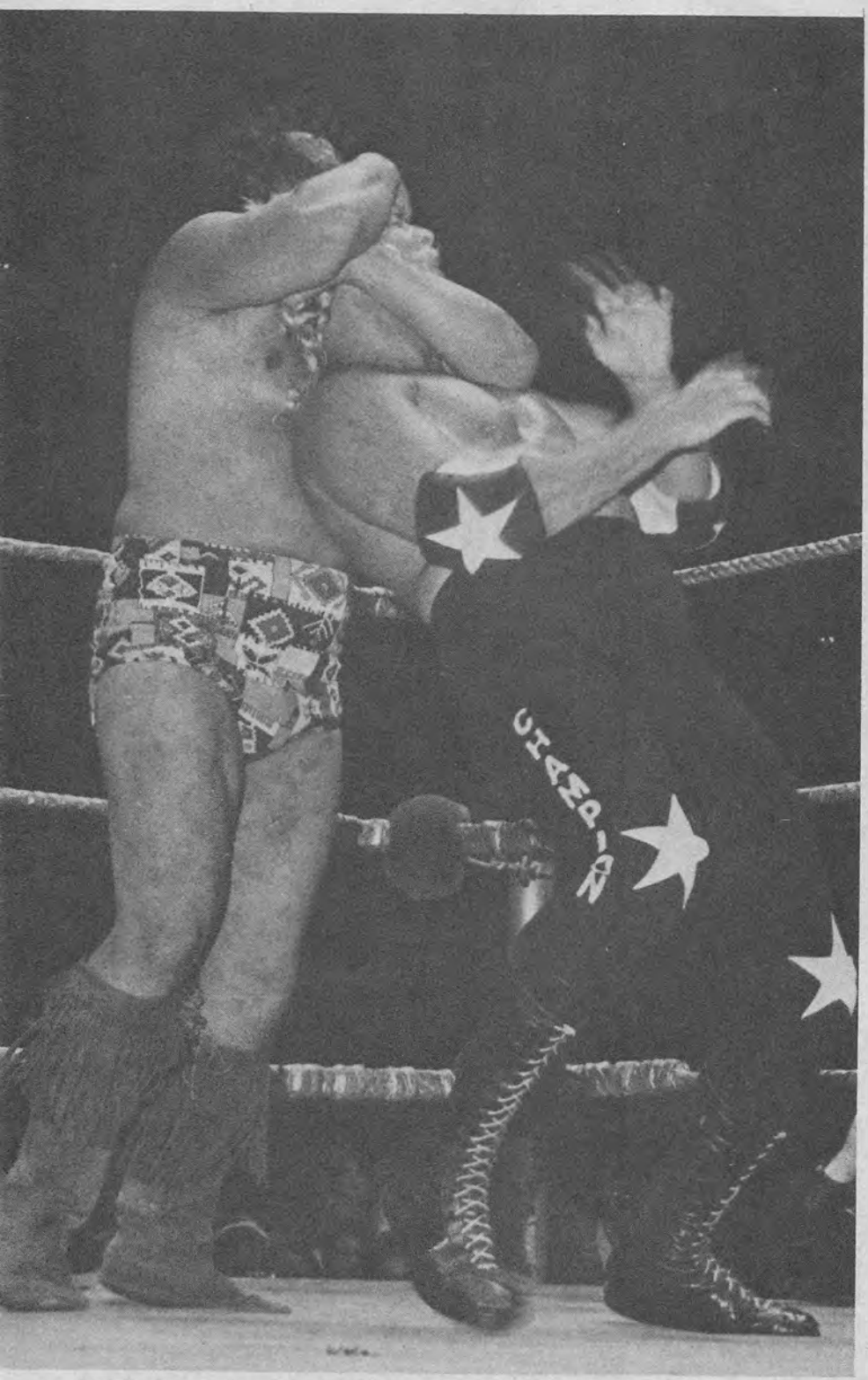
By no means was Strongbow satisfied. And when he heard almost two years later that Valiant and his younger brother John were coming East, he immediately asked for a match against Jim.

"He'll only wrestle in tag team matches," the promoters told Strongbow. "That's the way his new manager, Lou Albano, wants it."

Lou Albano—another man for whom Strongbow has no love. Now he was standing in the way of the Chief's biggest wish. So what'd the Chief do? He teamed with several partners and grappled against the Valiants in tag matches. But satisfaction still wasn't achieved.

After capturing the W.W.W.F. tag title and holding it for several months, the Valiants lost the belts to Victor Rivera and Dom DeNucci. When they





Above: A Jim Valiant armdrag has Strongbow flying. Below: The enraged Chief attacks Jim before the bell rings. Left: The Chief puts Jim to sleep.

failed to regain the belts Albano suggested they wrestle individually. Now The Chief might finally get his wish! If Albano wanted him men to wrestle the best, he'd have to sign against Strongbow.

Albano tried to knock Strongbow off by pitting John against him first. But John couldn't put the Chief out of commission. Now it was Jimmy's turn.

When they got into the ring The Chief went wild. He didn't even take off his headdress and Valiant didn't get a chance to take off his jacket! Strongbow was chasing him all over the ring. Finally, Valiant jumped over the ropes and onto the ring apron. The Chief took off his headdress and went after Valiant, who was now wielding a rope. Strongbow tomahawk chopped Jimmy but it did no good. Valiant used it to his advantage and the chief was in trouble.

The next instant Jim was in the ring again. This time he was kicking and fouling Strongbow every way he could. He kept up his treachery for 10 minutes or so and then Strongbow went into a war dance! Wham! The Chief tossed Valiant all over the ring.

When the dust cleared the Chief locked Jim in a sleeper hold. But Valiant went towards the ropes and Strongbow had to release the hold.

Again and again the Chief tried but he was thwarted each time by Valiant's rope grabbing. Realizing he was at a dead end, Valiant threw his hands up in disgust and left the ring.

"How do you expect me to wrestle a crazy Indian?" Valiant yelled as he passed by fans going back to the dressing room. "He won't give me a chance to wrestle scientifically! He's nuts!"

And that was the last Strongbow saw of Valiant.

"And dammit, I'm still not satisfied!" Strongbow said. "Now I hear Valiant's headed to the A.W.A. area. He'll never come back he's so scared!"

It could take another three years before Strongbow can again realize his dream. Until then all his dreams turn to ugly nightmares starring Jim Valiant. □

"I WATCHED MY MANAGER NEARLY BLEED TO DEATH!"

Ray Stevens has seen some pretty horrifying sights in his years as a wrestler. But nothing Ray ever saw before compared to this!

PHOTOS BY BOB SABRE

THERE WAS NOTHING for Ray Stevens to do but stare in horror at the hideously bloody face of his manager, Bobby Heenan. Only a doctor could help the mutilated human being—and the physician was somewhere else.

As Heenan lay whimpering on a chair in the dressing room, Stevens spoke smoothingly. Ray tried to hide his own terror, fearing the worst for his profusely bleeding mentor. The gushing scarlet fluid covered everything, staining towel after towel a bright red. The room seemed to be overwhelmed in blood.

Stevens didn't have to be a doctor to know Heenan couldn't survive untreated much longer. The gashes were too wide and deep for the human body to care for itself. Only medical science could cease the critical loss of blood.

It was cruelly fitting that the doctor couldn't attend to the stricken man immediately. The physician was busy

Above: Ray Stevens checks his manager's wounds. Left: Blood streaming through many cuts, Bobby Heenan is in bad shape.

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There is no excuse for two veteran wrestlers like Argentina Apollo and Luis Martinez to have fallen for the oldest trick in the book!

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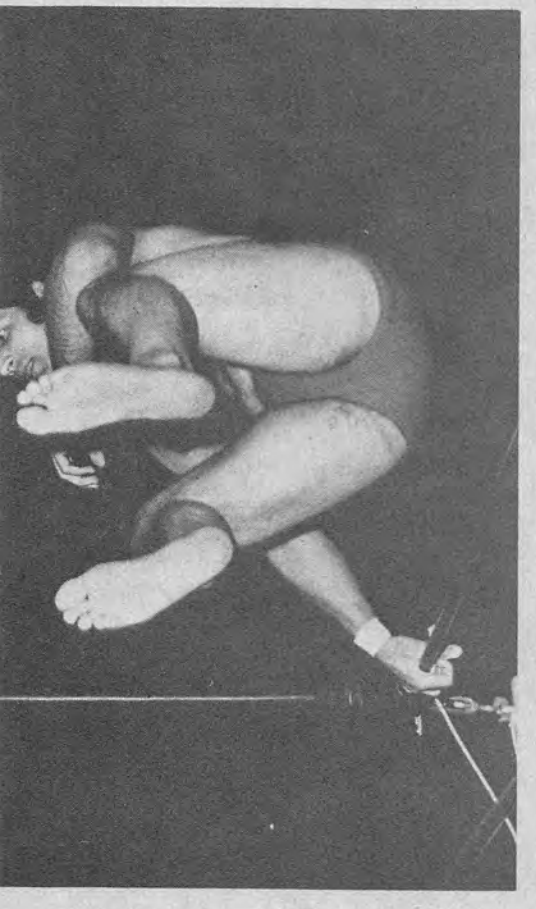

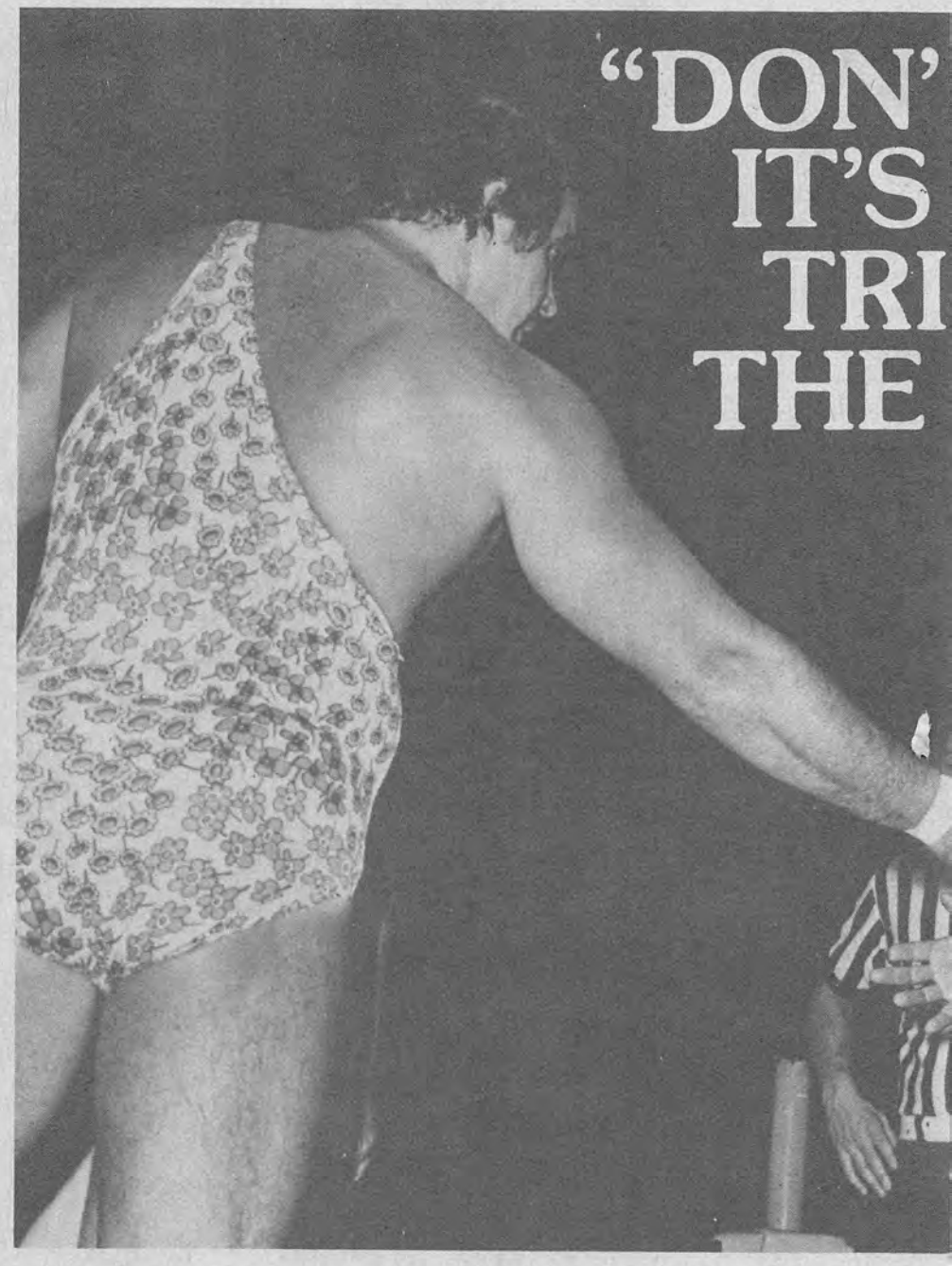

Argentina Apollo is one of the sport's most athletic and graceful grapplers, as this leap over the top rope shows.

IT WAS A foolish thing to do. He knew it as he did it. Yet Argentina Apollo extended his right hand towards Beautiful Bruce Swayze, ready to shake hands.

Luis Martinez, Argentina's partner in the tag team match, also agreed to shake hands.

"Don't fall for it!" a fan said angrily. "It's the oldest trick in the book. He's going to grab you and double team you. Him and Hawk will batter you senseless! Just turn around!"

Apollo knew the fan was right. All the fans in the overflowing arena were shouting their agreement. Even Swayze never really expected Apollo to shake hands. Bruce's eyes almost popped out of his head when he saw Argentina's hand extended towards him. The notorious grappler was as shocked as everyone else.

Then, Swayze began to distrust Apollo's intentions! After all, a veteran like Argentina wouldn't fall for the old trick, Swayze reasoned. So, instead of taking the extended hand, Bruce withdrew his own.

The crowd's laughter echoed as Swayze's odd, cowardly behavior made him the butt of catcalls. His face contorted in a snarl and he warily accepted Apollo's hand. Perhaps he saw Martinez' worried face and knew his foes had no foul plan devised. He knew he and Hawk had a beauty of an evil tactic worked out if either of their opponents were silly enough to take the handshake.

So he risked it. Swayze grabbed Apollo's hand gingerly and discovered all Apollo wanted to do was shake hands. That discovery was all Bruce needed.

The crowd's shouts of warning turned to screams of horror as Swayz dragged the off-balance Apollo towards the corner where Hawk awaited them eagerly. Then the two slammed their victim with everything they had. With the efficiency of a machine, they timed their attack perfectly. Apollo found

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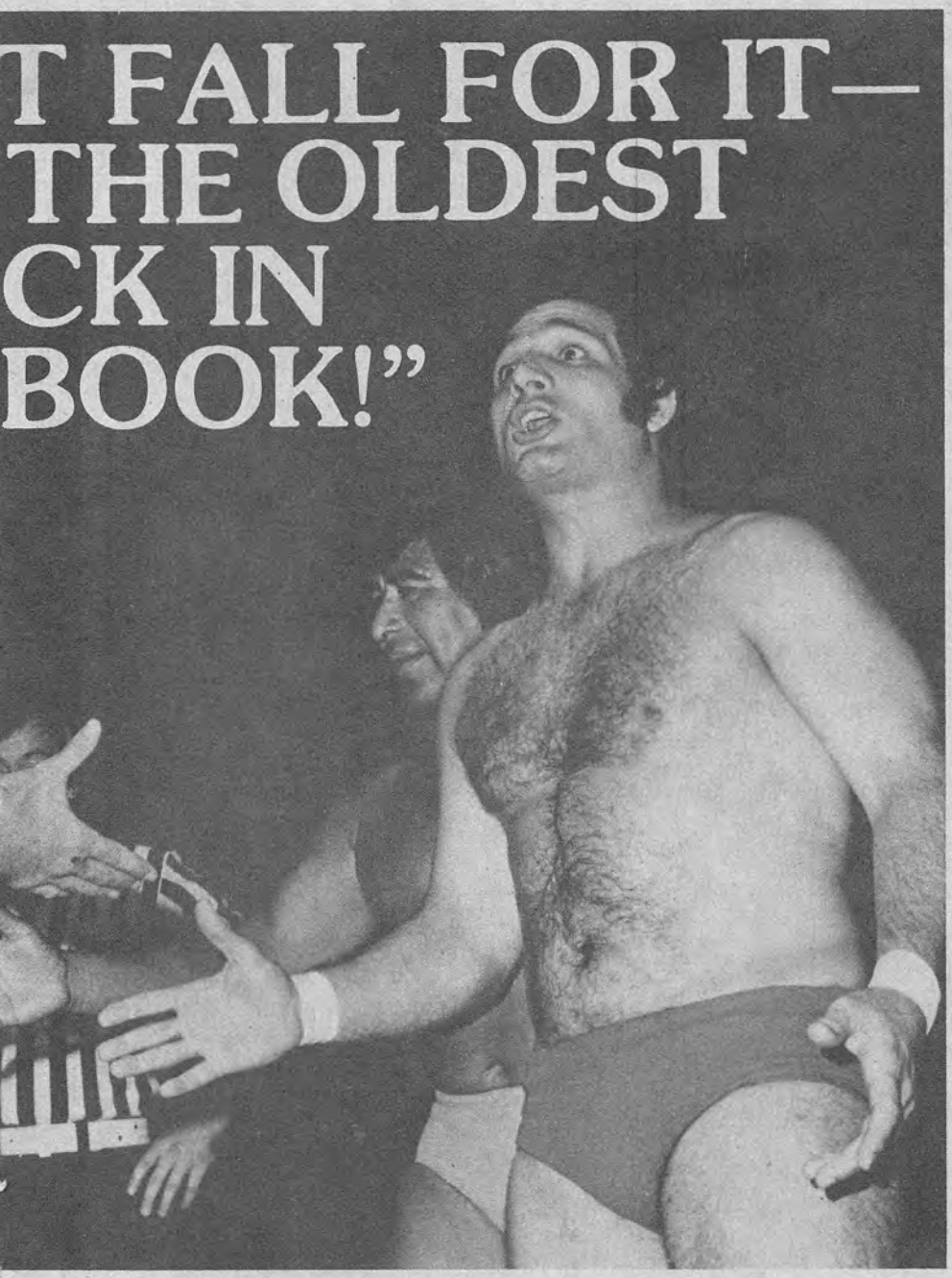
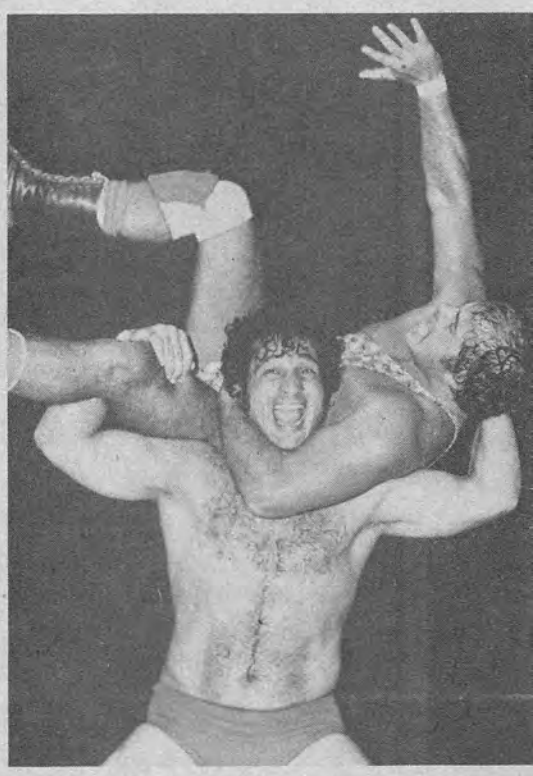
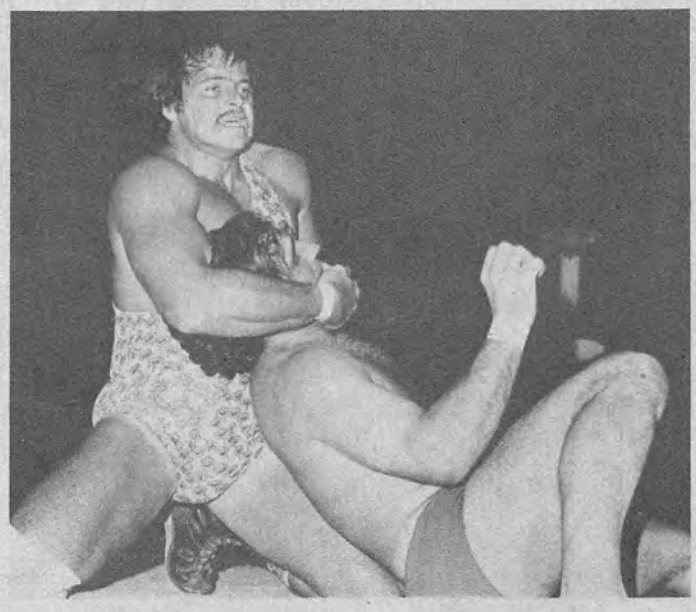




Left: Apollo is about to commit a nearly fatal mistake when he takes Bruce Swayze's hand. Above: In late action, Apollo catches Bruce in a backbreaker.



Left: Although it appears Bruce Swayze has Apollo in a legal hold, he is really choking the helpless grappler. However, Apollo and Luis Martinez would soon gain the advantage.

himself caught in the ropes and helpless.

Hawk and Swayze took turns lashing out at their captured foe. Martinez leaped over the ropes to help, but he was too late to prevent much of the damage. However, he did force Hawk out of the ring, giving Argentina his first even chance that evening.

That was the only break Argentina needed. Due to his fabulous conditioning, he was able to shake off the considerable punishment he'd received and mount an attack of his own. Swayze was overwhelmed by the famed grappler's skillful maneuvers. The bout turned around and it was Hawk and Bruce who were in trouble.

The rest of the match was a great battle with all four men brawling to the best of their combined abilities, which is considerable. As its conclusion, the fans gave Apollo and Martinez a standing ovation.

However, no one could explain why Argentina had taken such a great risk at the beginning of the match, a risk which had resulted in his absorbing great pain. What's more everyone knew it would happen.

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WRESTLER ON THE "HOTSEAT"

The Anderson Brothers Insist: "WE RE THE CO

THEY'RE KNOWN AS "The Minnesota Wrecking Crew." A highly sought after team, promoters know when these men are on their show a packed house and plenty of action will prevail. Winning several regional titles, they became recognized as world champions in many areas of the country. Their goal is to wipe out every tag team that boasts it's tops. And they're well on their way to accomplishing just that. They are Ole and Gene—the Anderson Brothers

INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY BILL JANOSIK

Q: Welcome to the "Hotseat." First of all, Gene, you and Ole had been very successful in Georgia. Why'd you go to the Virginia area?

A: We are out to wipe the mat up with clowns like Paul Jones, Wahoo McDaniel, Tiger Conway and their kind.

Q: Do you think they're top competition?

A: They're nothing. We may have to retire because there is no competition left for us. We've wiped out so many top teams—and the teams we haven't wiped out are just running from us.

Q: We'd heard rumors you guys had actually become popular with fans in Georgia. Ole, What brought this

The "Hotseat" is not a comfortable place to be. When we put a wrestler on the "Hotseat" we interview him. But it is more than just an interview. It is a no-holds-barred question and answer forum that probes beyond the obvious and seeks to find out what others are afraid to ask. The "Hotseat" pulls no punches and plays no favorites. It is the kind of in-depth feature you'll find nowhere else!

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A: The fans smartened up. That's all. People change. One day they hate the president of our country, the next day they love him. People are strange.

Q: Had you changed your styles to suit their wishes?

A: No. We never change our styles. We wrestle rough. We've got our own rulebook.

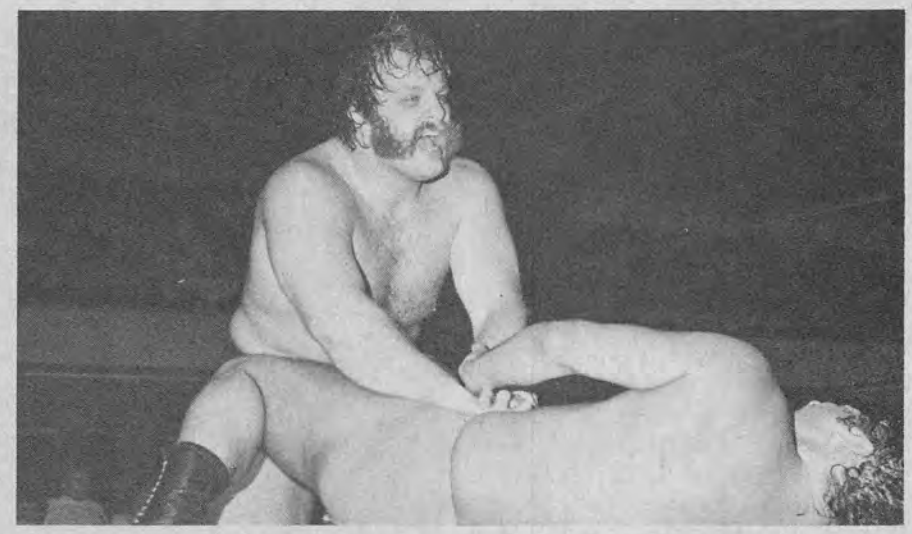
Q: Did you like the fan's adoration?

A: I'm not concerned and neither is my brother. We don't care about fans. We care about winning. We don't need people slapping us on the back and telling us we're nice guys.

Q: Do you agree with this Gene?

A: Of course. We realize the people can't deny that we're great. But we do not care if they back us or not.

Q: At one time you guys were pretty friendly with the now defunct team



Ole Anderson tortures Jerry Brisco with a claw hold. Ole and his brother Gene are perhaps the most learned tag team in the entire sport. They've been together for years and work like a machine.

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"WE DON'T FEAR ANYONE! WE ARE DAMN GOOD!"— GENE ANDERSON

of Rip Hawk and Swede Hanson. Then a war erupted. What caused this, Ole?

A: My brother and I were on a world tour. When we came back Hawk and Hanson started mouthin' off they could beat us. They figured by beating the best they'd be the world's top team. Well, we sure as hell gave them a beating. I bet we're responsible for their split. When they saw they couldn't handle the best they just called it a day.

Q: Another team you and Gene seem dislike is Paul Jones and Wahoo McDaniel. Do you fear them?

A: We don't fear anyone! We are good. Damn good. I don't think there is anybody who can come close to us. I'm not bragging. I'm stating facts. We've been a team for years. We're big. We've got brains and experience. We've got talent.

Q: How long have you and Gene been wrestling as a team?

A: In pro ranks since 1968. We had to stop for about one year. I got hurt.

Q: What happened?

A: Somebody decided to rearrange my face. He caved part of my head in.

Q: Just how dirty would you say your tactics are, Ole?

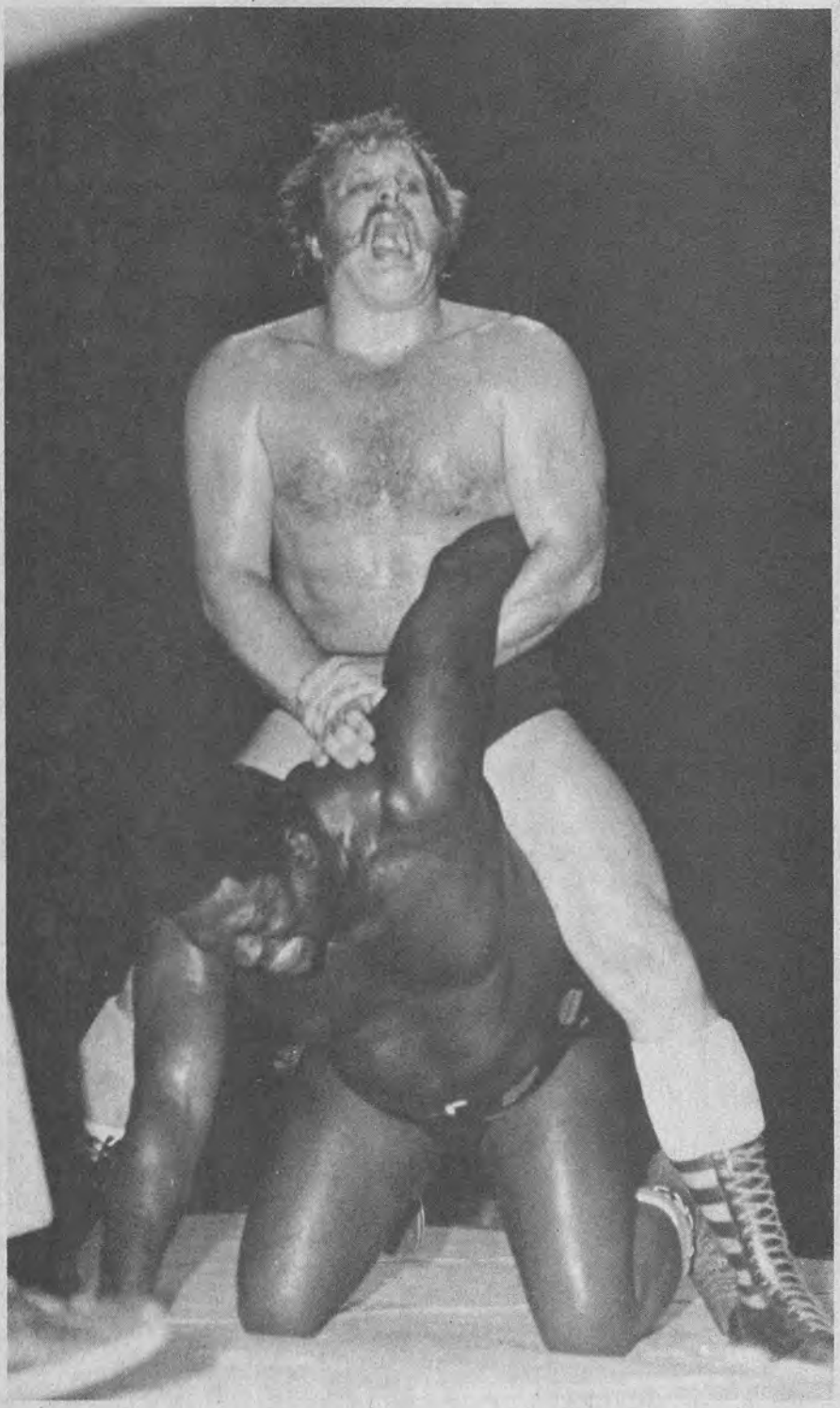
A: Let's not say dirty. Let's call 'em rough. We were so rough we hold the record as the two kids disqualified most often in high school wrestling matches! Even then we were too much for opponents. We were the best. And we still are.

Q: Mike McCord once said he admired you guys. Then he changed his ways and became a rule abiding wrestler. What are your views about this man's change?

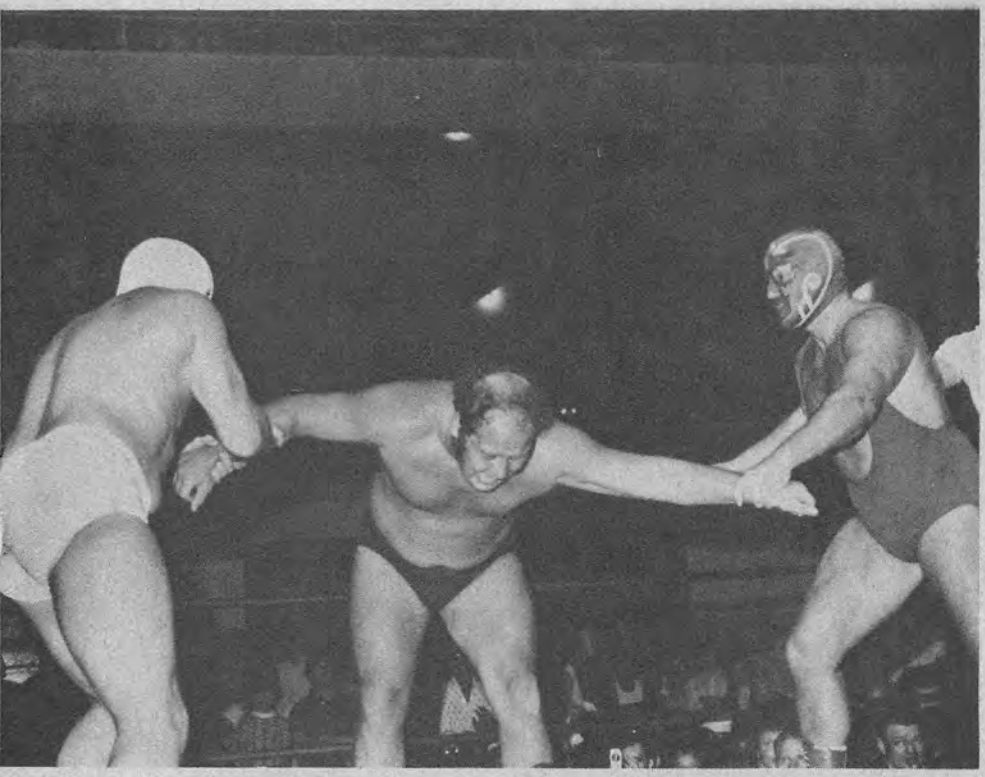
A: We worked with McCord in our corner as a partner in six-man tag team matches in Georgia. He had had great potential until he decided to changed his ways. The guy thinks it's more important to have fans hanging around him than to win. That was the last we had anything to do with him. We just couldn't see eye to eye any more.

Q: Gene. Do you guys like to wrestle mostly as a team or do you also like single competition?

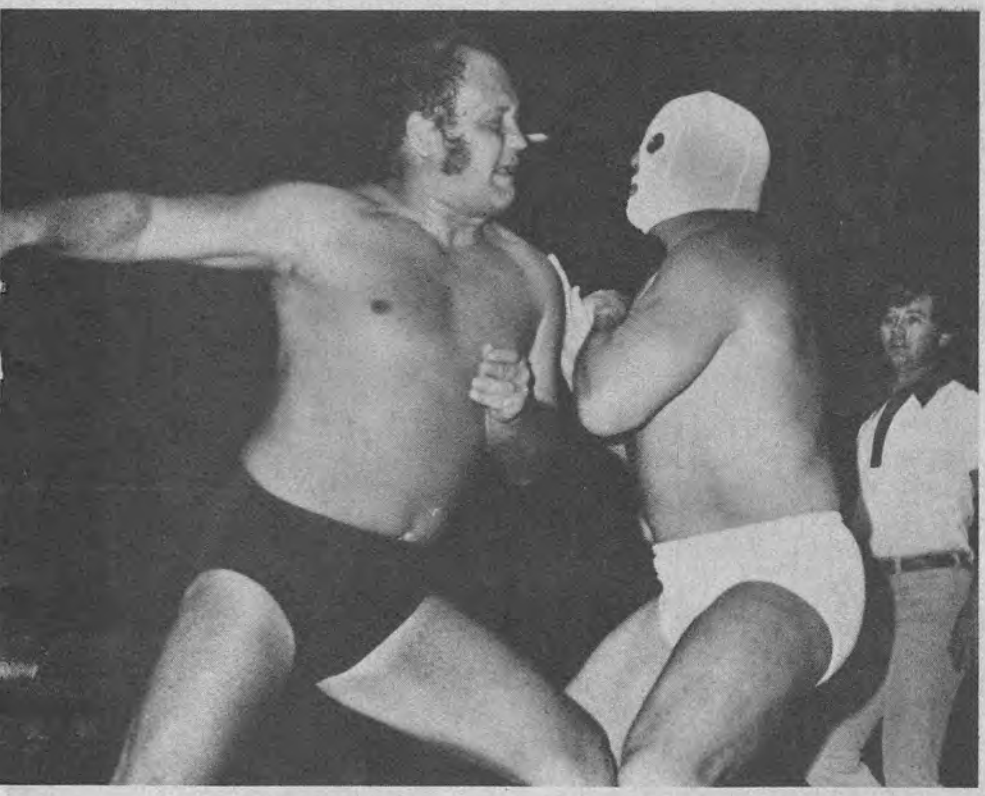
A: We've both wrestled as singles and won a batch of titles. Primarily we



Ole Anderson has Rufus R. Jones in a painful reverse armlock. "I wouldn't care if I busted his damn arm off," Ole admits. "I'm in this business to win any way I have to," he added.



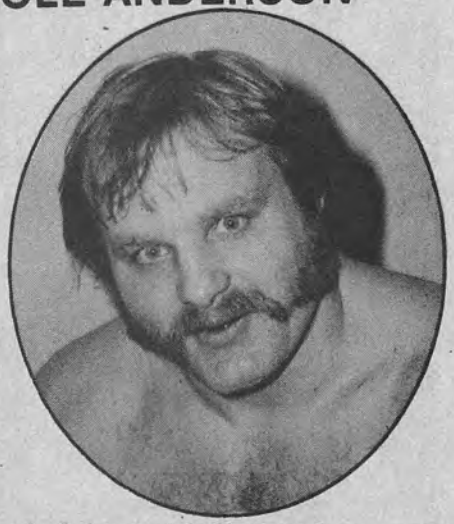
Gene is doubleteamed by The Pro and Mr. Wrestling (above). But he worked his way free came back to give Mr. Wrestling a run for his money (below). "We're rough wrestlers," Gene says. "My brother and I were even disqualified in high school matches!"



both prefer tag team. That's probably what we do best. Tag team affords you the opportunity to be competent in both single and tag competition. For as a regular tag team wrestler you can go single with no sweat. But if you are not part of a regular tag team, you'll have one hell of a hard time breaking in to that kind of competition.

Q: Do you think tag team matches are most exciting?

"REGIONAL TITLES GO RIGHT INTO THE GARBAGE AFTER WE WIN THEM!"— OLE ANDERSON



A: I do. And I think the fans—many of them—like tag team better than single strictly from a spectator point of view.

Q: Are either of you after any single title?

A: My brother Ole and I are concentrating on teaming at the moment. However, after we run out of competition, which we may have already, it's either retire or go single.

Q: What about tag team titles? Do you value them, Ole?

A: Regional titles go right in the garbage can after we win them. We want to be the only one team recognized as world champions. Regional title do not mean too much for us. They're stepping stones.

Q: Have you two reached the peak of your career?

A: In a way. I mean we've beaten every team we've wrestled. We need more than Paul Jones and Wahoo McDaniel for competition. It'll take somebody really tough to get us out of this boredom of not having good opponents. We're not knocking Wahoo and Jones. They're real good individually but as a team—forget it. There not like us—a fine piece of machinery.

Q: Was there one team you guys would call trouble?

A: The only one to come to mind might be Bruiser and Crusher. We could add Bockwinkle and Stevens to that list also.

Q: Thank you both for spending time with us.

A: It was a pleasure. □

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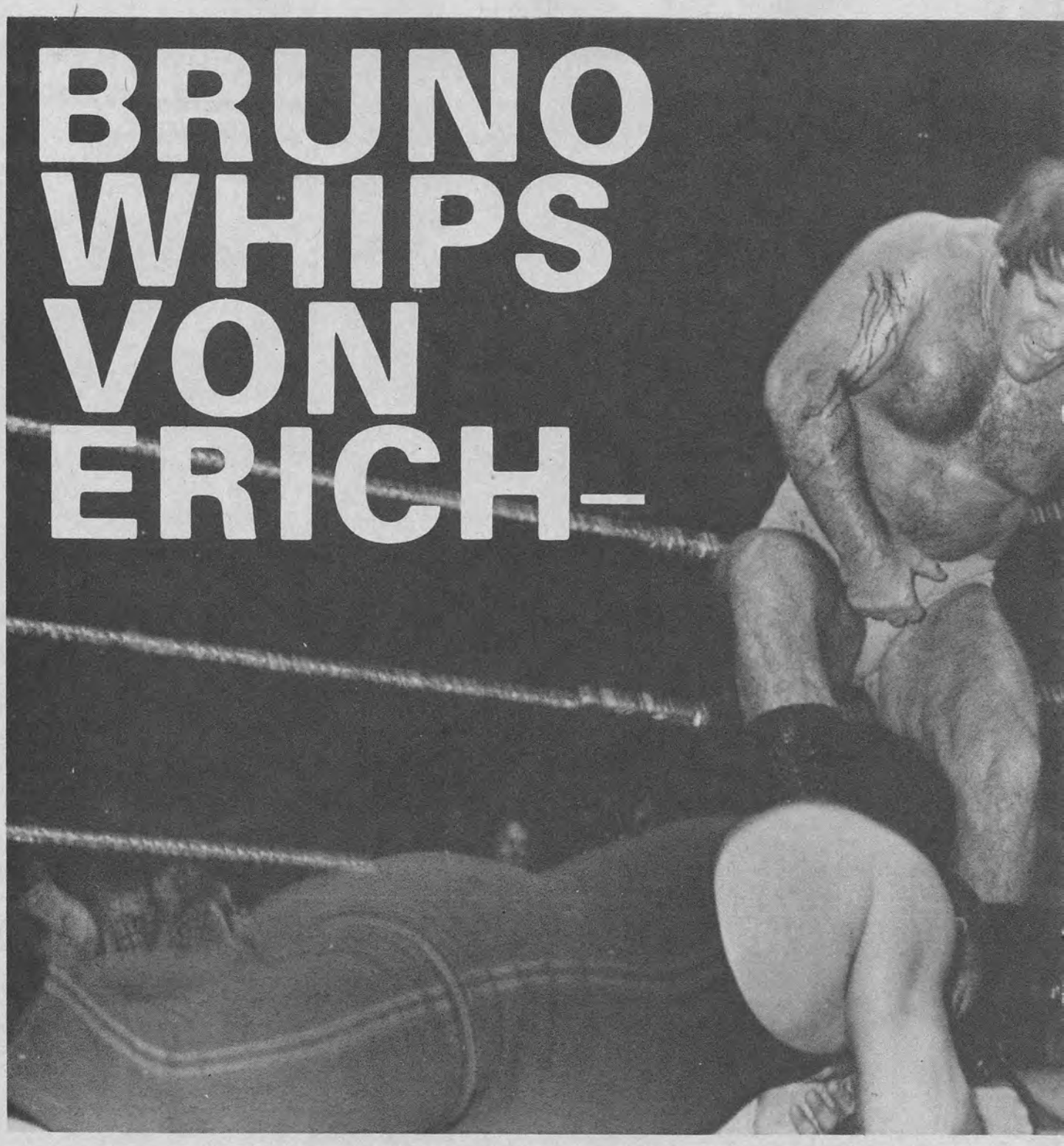

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CHAMPAGNE FLOWED LIKE water. Waldo Von Erich and his manager, Fred Blassie, were hosting a bash—a very private and exclusive one—after Von Erich's technical win over World Wide Wrestling Federation champion Bruno Sammartino. Even though the belt did not change hands, Blassie and Von Erich were shouting each other's praises.

"Waldo is the greatest!" exclaimed Blassie. "We don't need a lousy belt to prove it. We know, and everyone who saw that match knows, Waldo is the *true* champion!"

Von Erich guzzled down his champagne and added, "Sammartino's uncle, better known to the world as the referee, stopped the match because his poor little nephew was bleeding too heavily. What a trick. What a way to keep the

DLY!

title belt in the family. But Bruno knows he was beaten by me. I am his Lord and master!"

"Heil Von Erich!" Blassie shouted at the top of his lungs as he and Waldo clinked champagne glasses together. "You know, we have

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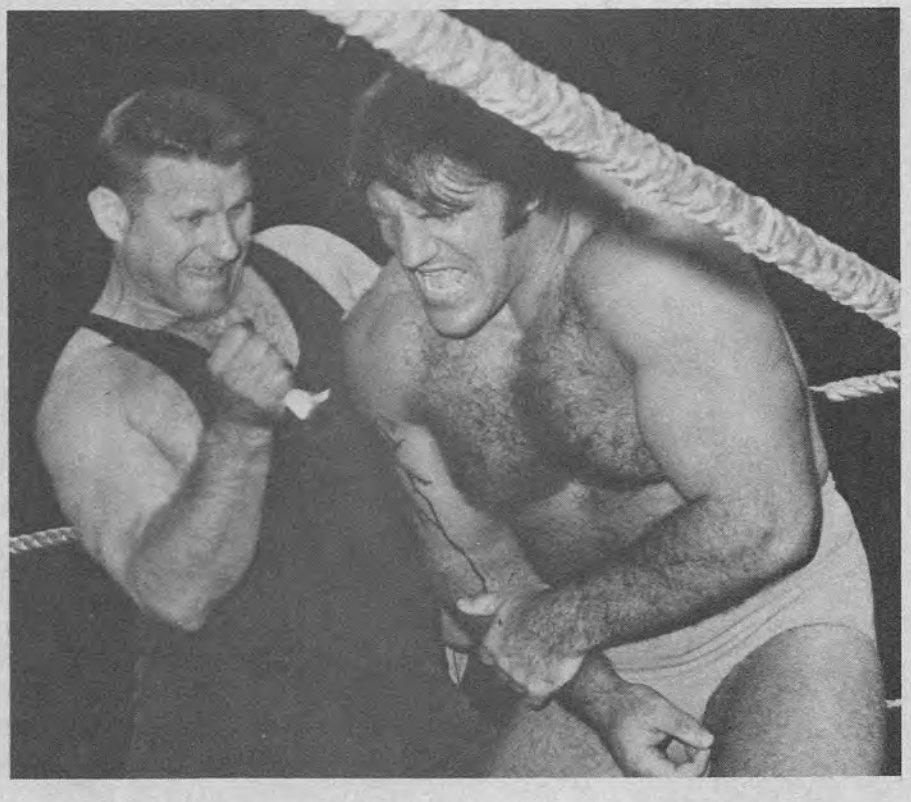
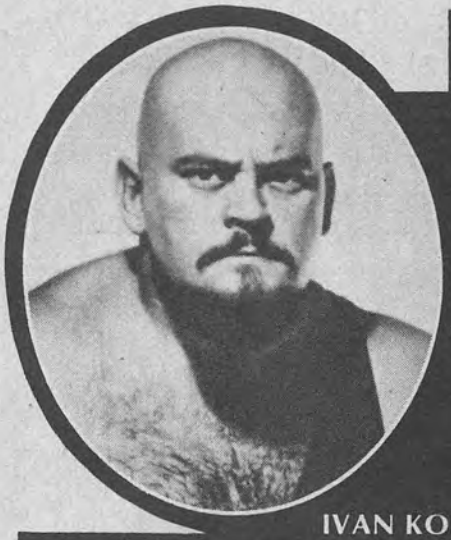
It appeared to many that Waldo Von Erich and Freddie Blassie were celebrating a bit too prematurely. Bruno Sammartino, in a Texas Death match, ended that celebration



An enraged Bruno viciously kicks Von Erich (opposite page). Note the blood dripping down Bruno's right shoulder. Here's Von Erich inflicting the wound (above) as he uses a can opener to slice up the champ! Bruno lets loose and Waldo catches all hell (below).

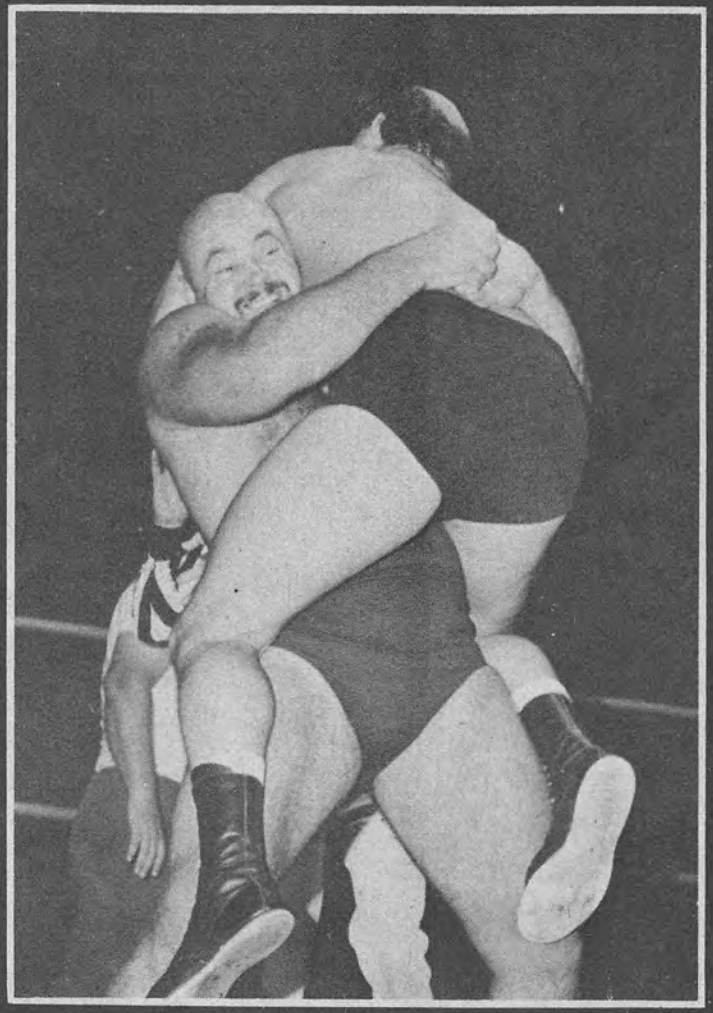
RUSSIA VS. THE U.S.

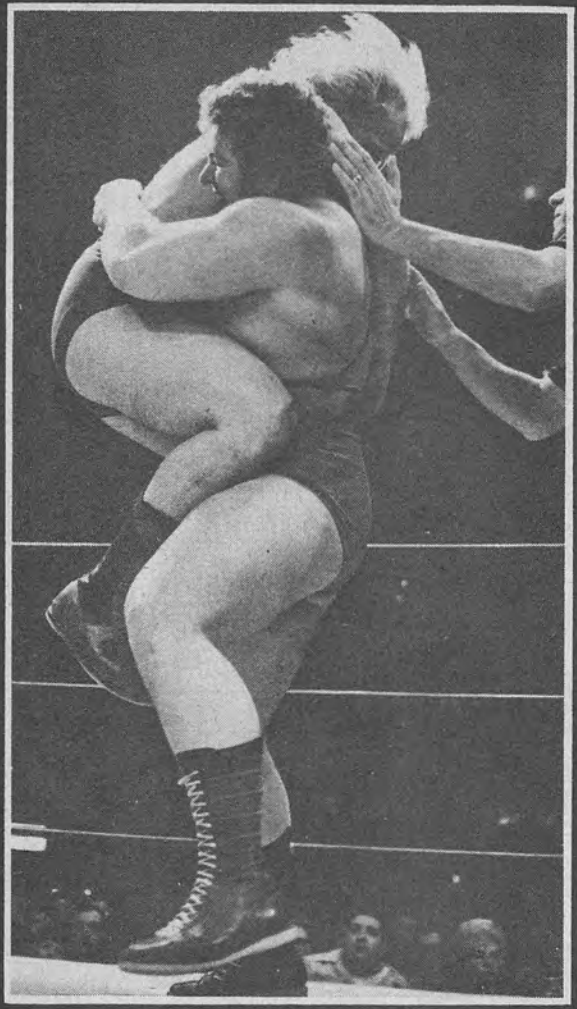


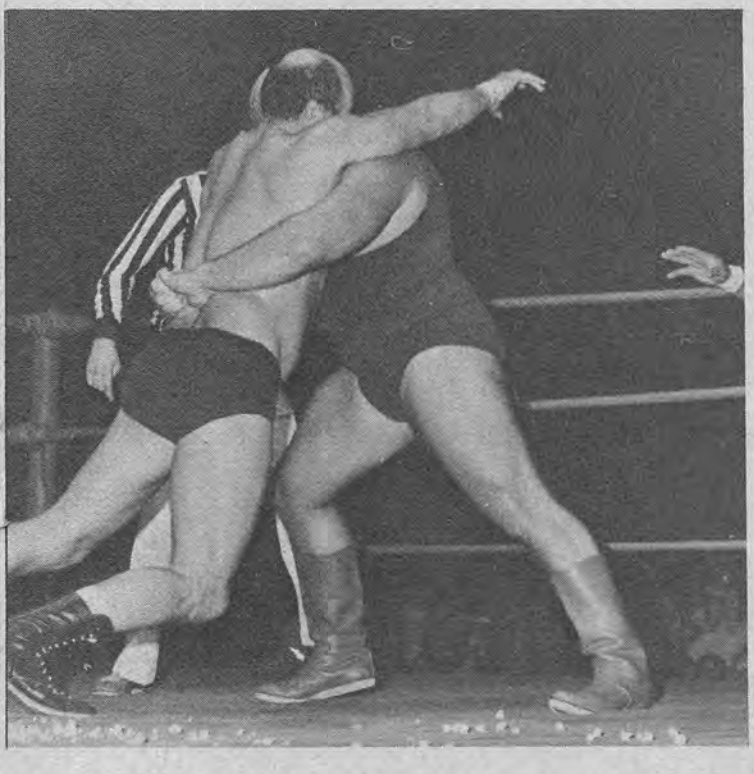
IVAN KOLOFF

KEN PATERA

WHO'S GOT THE BETTER BEARHUG?







When Russian giant Ivan Koloff bragged that his country made him the best bearhug artist in the world, former United States Olympic sensation Ken Patera set out to prove the U.S. could do a better job

THE TWO MOST powerful bearhugs in wrestling belong to an American and a Russian. The question is, which one has the strongest bearhug?

Ken Patera is the American with arms like a steel vise and Ivan Koloff is the Russian who can crush a man senseless with his smothering bearhug. So far, the men have not compared bearhugs against each other. So far.

"I'd be willing to wrestle Koloff," Ken Patera says, "in a strict bearhug match. I'd wrestle him in any match, of course, but I think a bearhug match would be the most interesting. Koloff is a master of the bearhug and I won't deny that I've learned from him by studying films. I don't think anyone seriously considers developing a bearhug without studying Koloff.

"Naturally, I think my bearhug is stronger. I also think I'm able to discover an opponent's weak spot when it comes to the bearhug. This isn't something you can learn, it's something you sense. It's hard to explain, but either you can feel the body snap helplessly or not. When you feel that snap, you know that nobody can escape the bearhug.

"I'm sure Koloff has the same talent, the same instinct. It would be a test of strength, speed, and instinct. And everyone likes to try his skill against a master."

"He's right when he says I'm the master, wrong when he says he should try a bearhug match with me!" Ivan Koloff declared. "I can break him and anyone else into two. He doesn't have the brains to know that he isn't capable of walking into the ring with me, much less pit his bearhug against mine. I could kill him, which wouldn't bother me. However, I can't see straining myself for some kid who doesn't have enough brains to know his place.

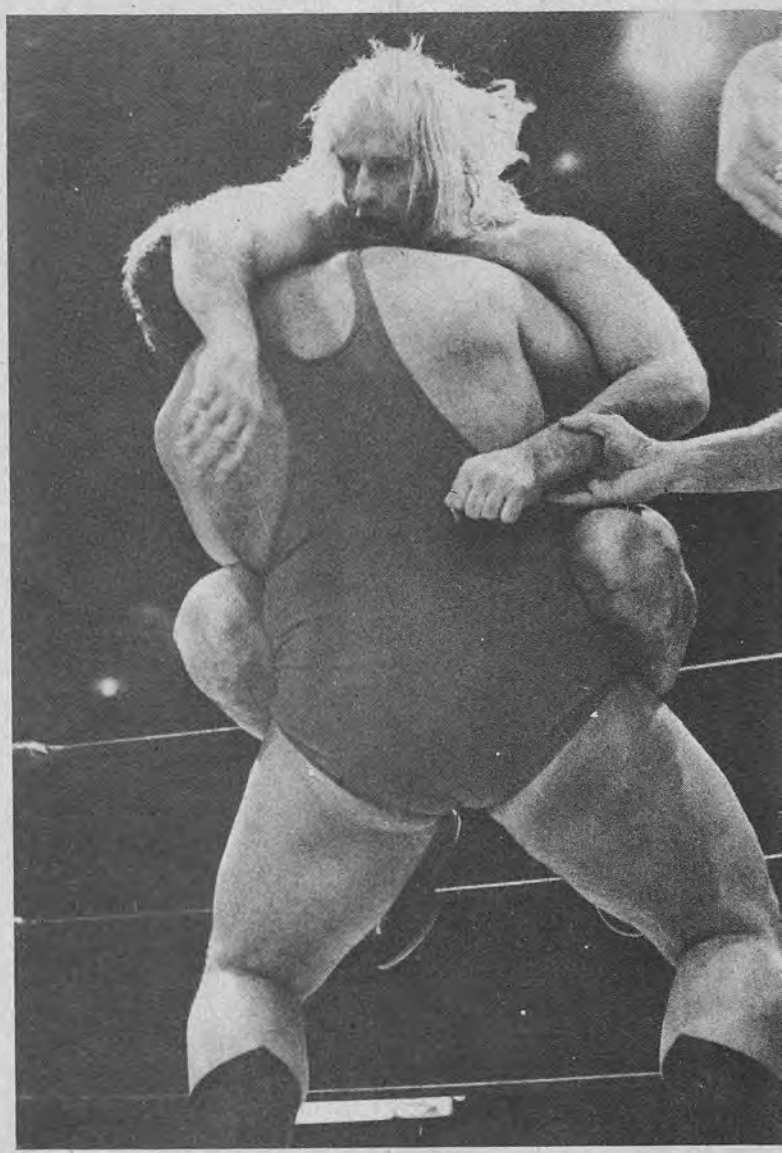
"People would pay good money to see it, though. That means I'd get good money to do it. It might be arranged.

"I can't see *why* people would want to see it, though. It takes years of maturity to develop a strong bearhug where you put your strength to the best advantage. It's not strength but skill that matters. I have plenty of both, plus experience. Patera has big muscles and the one between his ears isn't functioning too well."

Both men developed their bearhug in much the same way. Their daily schedule includes extensive weightlifting and exercises designed expressly to strengthen the grip. These exercises occupy at least an hour a day, every day.

"A month away from exercising and you have to work twice as hard to get back into shape," Ken notes. "I'd be

Left: Verne Gagne tries desperately to tag his partner, Wahoo McDaniel, thereby ending his torture in the Ivan Koloff bearhug. Below: Patera squeezes Rene Goulet.



afraid to stay away longer than six weeks. Once the muscles get too soft, they're hard to bring back. If I laid off the weights for three months or more, I might as well forget the bearhug.

"Also, isometrics are very important. I spend at least 20 minutes a day with my palms applying opposing pressure to each other. This builds up endurance. the most important part of the bearhug.

"Most wrestlers can apply a good bearhug for maybe 30 seconds, then weaken. The good ones can hold the bearhug for maybe three minutes, tops. Only Koloff and I have never had an opponent outlast the hold.

"There's no way of knowing how long you can keep it up, especially if someone else is applying the bearhug to you at the same time. It would a strange thing to experience. I'm not sure I'd like it." But Ken adds, "I can't wait to find out."

Koloff admits to the strenuous exercises, but denies they have anything to do with the devastating ability of his bearhug.

Right: Ivan Koloff proves to Black Angus that his power with the bearhug can cause excruciating pain and escape is almost impossible. Below: Verne Gagne receives help from partner Wahoo McDaniel as each breath is painful.

"I exercise because I like it," Ivan contends. "I could not lift a weight for three years and have the same ability. I am a magnificent athlete who has his strength and coordination from birth and nothing can take that away from me.

"Naturally, Patera *needs* the workout to retain what little strength he possesses. He is a bum, who through hard work has made it a little better than he should have. He should have weights in his dressing room because he needs all the help he can get. That he can crush an egg is a minor miracle.

"The bearhug is the hold of a *man*, born in hardship and nurtured in anger. It's not something that a boy can develop in a gymnasium. Men use it as a test of strength. It is the hold of the savage animal, the bear. When an animal uses it it's a question of kill or be killed. When I use it it's a question of win or lose. When Patera uses it it's a question of a child with a new toy!"

There is one wrestler who has had the unfortunate experience to be the victim of both Koloff's and Patera's bearhug. Rene Goulet is the one person who can legitimately compare the two holds.

"It hurts to remember those matches," Rene says with a sickly smile. "Believe me, both bearhugs are unbelievably painful. How can you compare agony? However, there are differences.

"When Patera gets you in a bearhug, the pain is sharp and constant. Those muscular arms encircle you like a cold, steel vise. There's no question of escaping, just suffering through to the conclusion. Yet, there's something so impressively professional about it that you have to admire it.

"Koloff's isn't as sharp, you feel more smothered than overpowered. It's like I imagine it would be to be buried in a snow avalanche. You feel completely immobile, covered. Yet, there isn't the sense of strength you get with Patera. It's like you feel you should be able to escape but can't.

"Between the two, I'd pick Koloff. Patera's might be a little bit stronger, but Koloff's is more overwhelming. I don't think Patera could keep it up as long as Koloff. Ivan would make it impossible for Ken to keep a regular breathing pattern.

"When you talk about the two, it's more important to discuss how the two could cope with the other's bearhug. Koloff's is much harder to function against. I don't think Patera could keep his up against Koloff as long as Koloff could squeeze against Patera.

"But I'll tell you, I wouldn't bet against either one!"

It's only a matter of time before we know who has the most effective bearhug in wrestling. And we're taking Rene Goulet's advice, we're not betting against either one. □

WRESTLING CAPITALS

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their W.W.W.F. tag team title from Victor Rivera and Dom DeNucci, but were unsuccessful. They were disqualified in the match, causing their title hopes to go down the drain.

George "The Animal" Steele returned to Boston after a long absence and made mincemeat out of "Pistol" Pete Sanchez.

"I'm after Sammartino!" Steele bellowed after the match. "He can't keep hiding from me! I want his blood!"

Other matches saw Jack Evans draw with Bill White . . . Pat Barrett downed Johnny Rodz . . . Mike Paidousias stopped Hans Schroder.

CALIFORNIA REPORT
By Larry Barnhizer

Rock "Mr. Wonderful" Riddle has been raising hell here recently. One of his initial opponents in California was fan favorite Jerry Monti.

"I've heard a lot about Riddle," Monti said. "He comes here with impressive credentials. I'm going to have some battle on my hands."

Rock Riddle has been bombarding California with his roughhouse tactics and terrifying ways.

Monti appeared unbeatable at the start of the match. He came charging out of his corner and hit Riddle with three sensational flying dropkicks. Then a series of arm drags took Riddle to the mat again.

Rock scurried to the ring apron to get a breath.

Back into action, the two engaged in a test of strength. Rock won the test when he grabbed a handful of Jerry's hair, taking him down. Riddle next clamped Jerry in a crushing headlock. Jerry pushed Rock off and Riddle went sailing into the ropes. As Rock came back on the rebound, Jerry caught him with a stunning flying dropkick.

Jerry whipped Rock into the ropes again, hoping to catch him the same way. But Rock sidestepped and Monti went crashing onto the mat—badly hurt. Rock stomped on his opponent, elbow smashed him, and it was all over!

Believe it or not, Andre the Giant teamed with Black Gordman and Goliath to stop the Hollywood Blonds and Choi Sun! Since Louis Tillet has been managing Gordman and Goliath, they've kept Sir Oliver Humperdink's army on the run! □

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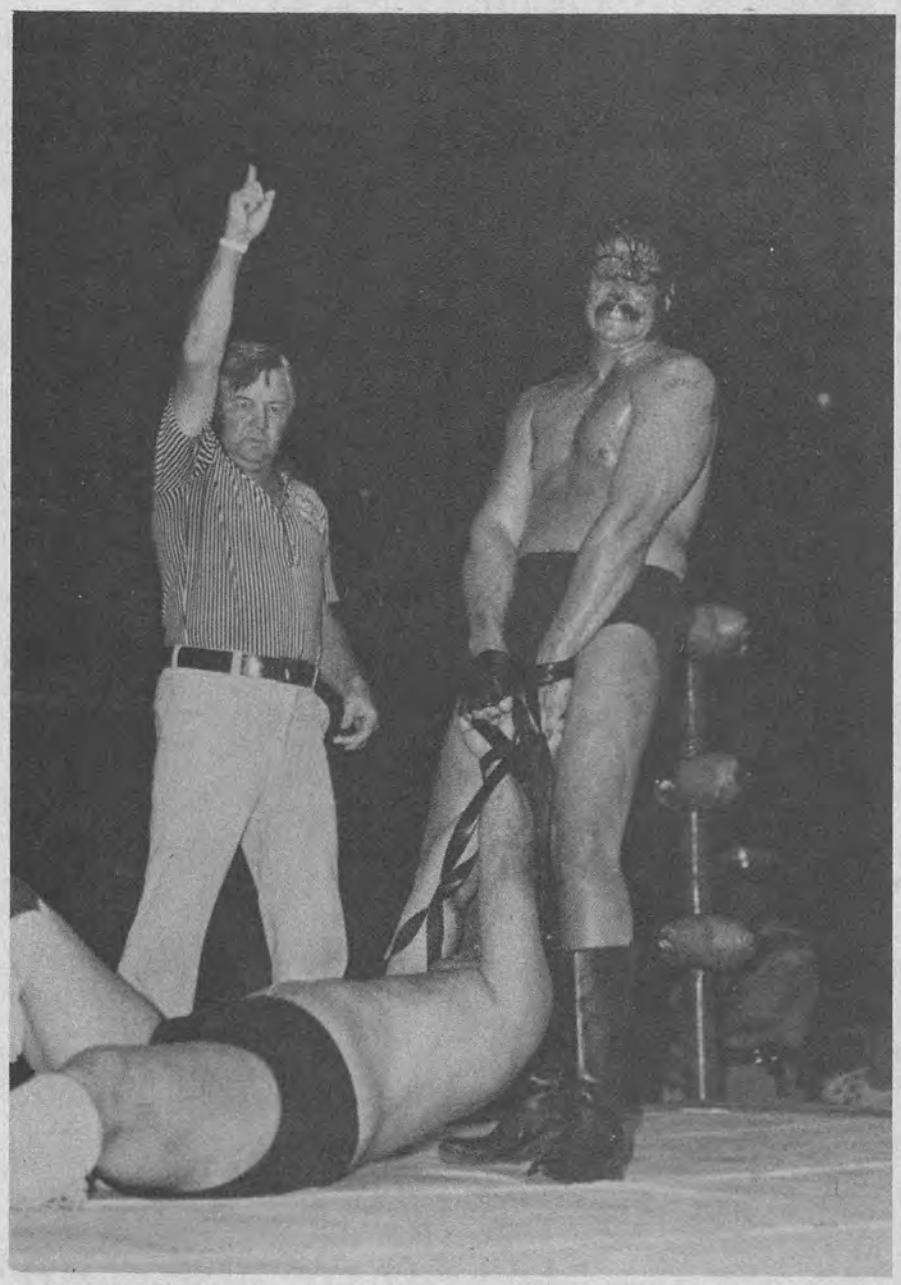
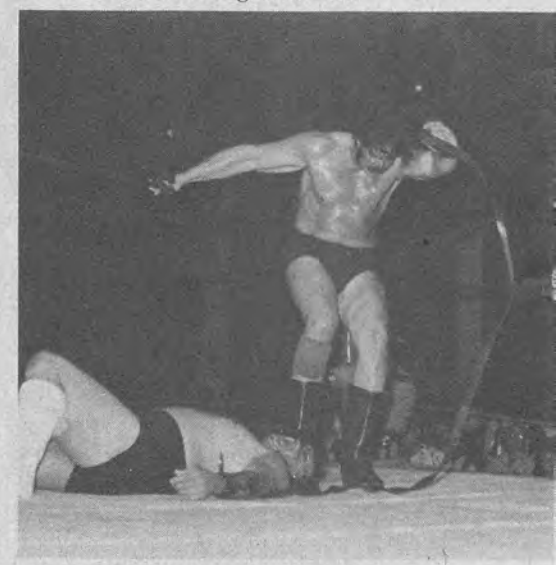


Above: The battle spills to the floor outside the ropes. Below: Mulligan stomps his prone victim. Left: Blackjack prepares to drag McDaniel around the ring and win.



match is usually the conclusion. That's when you've got to drag your opponent around the ring. Dragging that much human bulk that distance when the bulk doesn't want to be dragged is difficult. However, that's only when the guy losing has any guts.

I'll never forget battering that hulk into submission. It was maybe the easiest thing I've ever done. There he was, lying on the canvas, whimpering like a baby. He didn't have enough strength to whimper loudly, which is why the fans didn't hear him.

That meant I was ready to begin dragging him. I started with a yank, expecting some resistance even from that coward. Hell, I almost fell over backwards when that guy tried to crawl after me, making sure I would win quickly and end his misery. He looked like a wet puppy being let in out of the rain.

He was disgusting—absolutely disgusting. I felt sorry for those deluded clowns who think he's a decent wrestler.

However, the most disgusting thing happened *after* the match. The beaten slob was flowing blood like a faucet, could barely stand from the pain, and had already proven himself the most despicable coward the sport has ever known.

But as I was leaving the ring, savoring my easy victory, he jumped me from behind. He wanted to kill me for showing him to be an over-praised loser. It was a cheap thing for anyone for do—but completely in character for him.

Well, it took me one hard punch and he was scampering away. It was the last I ever saw of him. As far as I know, he's still running! □

SINCERELY YOURS

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Our story about Greg Valentine drew many angry letters. Fans all over told us that although Greg may be a cruel wrestler, he is in no way crueler than his brother John.

and also a very nice guy outside the ring. Terry puts a lot of heart into his matches. I've seen him beaten to where any other wrestler would have surrendered. But Terry perserveres, because he does his best when the going gets tough, when it's guts that really count.

Keep on going, Terry. We love you!

JOY CALHOUN
Lutz, Fla.

CAN'T AGREE

You have said Greg Valentine is crueler than his brother Johnny (INSIDE WRESTLING/August 1975). He may be as cruel, but no man can be crueler than Johnny Valentine!

I've seen Johnny many times over the years and have marveled at his evil. He's crippled men whose only crime was to be in a match against him. It doesn't matter who they are or how badly they're hurt. Valentine just wants to see them mauled!

I don't care how cruel Greg Valentine is. It's physically impossible to be any crueler than Johnny Valentine!

LARS SWINTON
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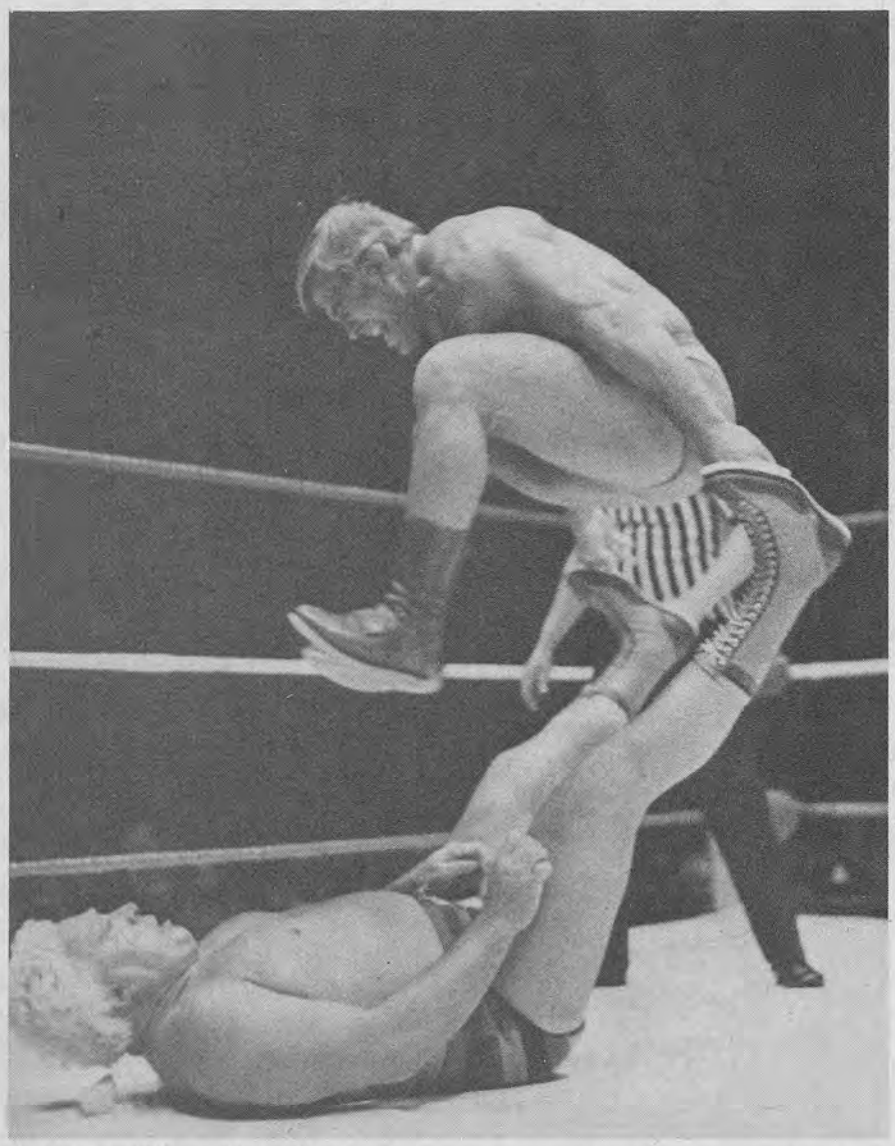
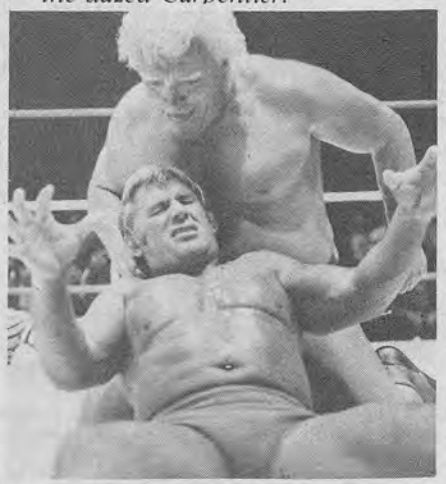


Above: Tyler falls victim to a favorite maneuver of Edouard's, a flying double stomp. Below: An excruciatingly painful nervehold takes its toll on the dazed Carpentier.



canvas. Once, he caught the Frenchman in mid-air, and heaved him into the ropes. Carpentier bounced off quite stunned.

Finally, a grinning Tyler dropped Edouard with a series of forearm smashs. The match appeared out of Carpentier's reach. Tyler put him in a series of excruciating armlocks and headlocks, all the while grinning confidently.

After rendering Carpentier nearly unconscious in a corner with several closed-fist smashes to the face, Tyler ran outside the ropes. Climbing upon the lower strand of ropes, he put his left arm around Edouard's throat and began to pull upwards.

In a dazed state, Carpentier struggled vainly to break to hold. As he did, the referee yelled to Tarzan, "Get back in here, Tyler!" When

Tarzan made like he didn't hear, and perhaps he didn't with the capacity crowd near hysteria, the referee yelled again, "Tyler, I'm gonna' count to four. If you don't release him and get back inside the ropes I'm disqualifying you! Do you hear me?"

Still, as before, Tarzan didn't reply. He just kept stretching Carpentier's head with his left hand, and applying a nerve hold with his right.

Throughout the referee's count, Tyler continued to sadistically torture Edouard. When the count reached four, Tyler refused to let go.

"You're disqualified!" hollered the referee, but Tyler continued to punish Carpentier. It took the referee and a

Tarzan Tyler finds out what it's like to fly through the air as he becomes a victim of an Edouard Carpentier backflip

few security men to break Tyler's hold. When he realized what he had done, and that he had just been disqualified, Tyler frowned.

"I was beating him but good," moaned Tarzan. "Giving him the whipping of his life. I remember the referee yelling at me, but it seemed as if I was in another world.

"I completely got carried away with myself. But I now know how to defeat Carpentier—easily. So does everybody else. I may have exposed such a big flaw in his offense that he'll have no choice but to take up another sport—something like gymnastics or acrobatics. I've got his number. □

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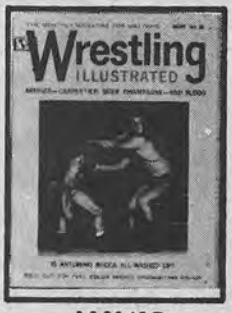

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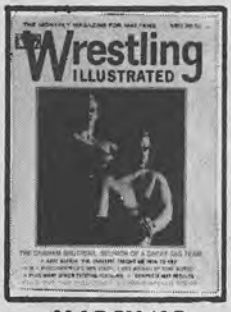

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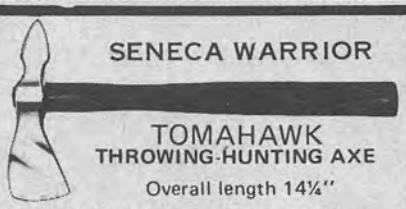

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BILLY GRAHAM

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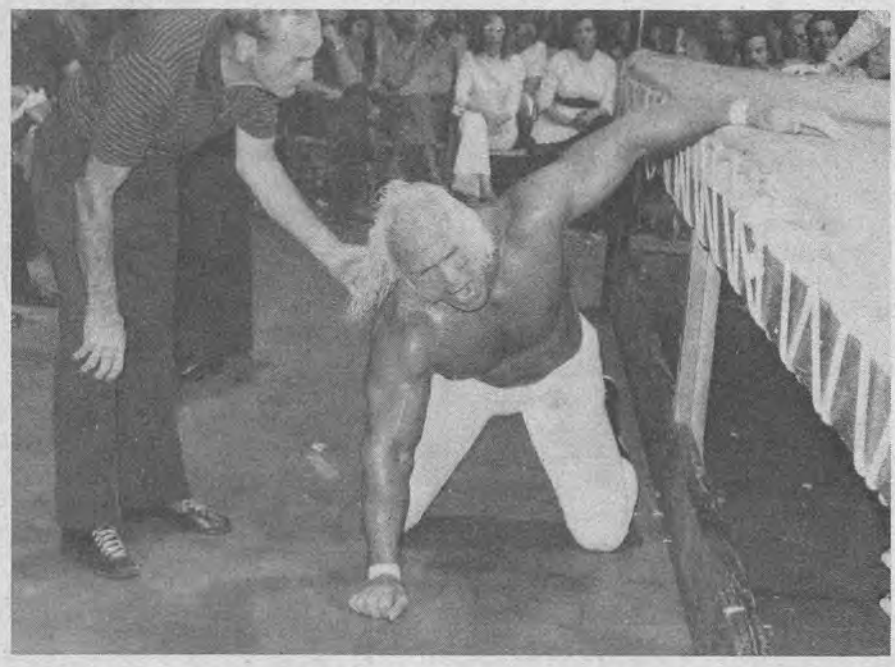
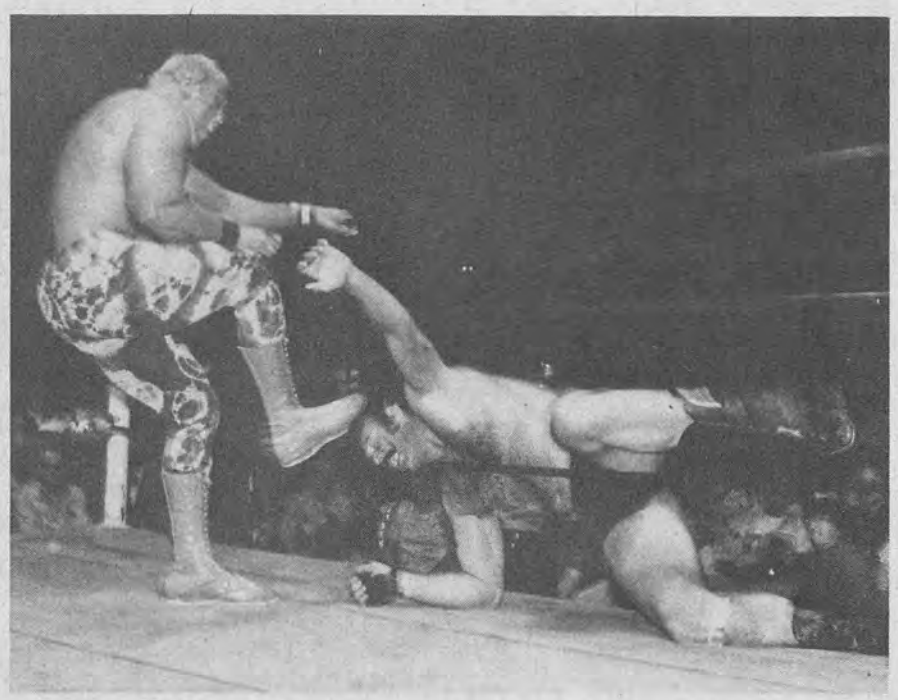


Above: Graham is tossed to the hard concrete floor by another man disliked by the fans, Johnny Valentine. Below: A raging Graham lashes a kick to the head of former friend, Blackjack Lanza.



can withstand that much punishment for that long. Sooner or later, after making some flimsy excuse, Graham will return to his former colleagues.

In most situations, the reasoning would hold true. Billy is suffering a great deal for an ideal which he adopted only recently. It would be a simple matter for him to return to his old ways.

But Graham is surely an extraordinary individual. His gigantic ego drives him to believe there are no odds too great for him to overcome. To triumph over the bloodyings and batterings would be a victory worthy of Graham.

Also, there is a new sensibility in Graham. Those who know him best think he has started to care about what the fans think of his style. They believe the fans are responsible for what has

happened to Graham.

Even Billy admits, "I like having the fans respect what I'm doing. It's very important to an athlete. In a way, I am bleeding for the fans. They're as important as any other reason for why I'm subjecting myself to this ordeal. I hope they're happy. It's sure no thrill for me."

Every time a fan shouts encouragement to Graham, he or she is strengthening Billy's resolve to take any punishment necessary to defy his foes. He or she is also condemning the wrestler to absorbing horrible torture.

In a very real sense, the blood of Billy Graham is on the hands of every fan who cheers for him, as well as every reporter who congratulates the mat star in print. Every compliment is washed in Graham's blood.

Do the fans have the right to expect Billy to continue in this almost suicidal

Horst Hoffman is another man to feel the wrath of the "new" Billy Graham (above). But can Billy keep going at this pace?

quest? Should the press ask him to continue knowing where it will lead the grappler?

Of course, only Graham has the final responsibility for his actions. Yet fans do influence his decision, goading him on to what might be a tragic ending. Every cheer brings Billy closer and closer to destruction. It could also bring him closer and closer to one of the greatest victories ever accomplished by a wrestler.

"I don't know how long I can keep this up," Graham admits. "The cheers of the crowd are beginning to sound less important than they did before."

No one can say how much longer Billy "Superstar" Graham will remain on his crusade. However, it will be a horribly bloody time! □

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PAUL JONES

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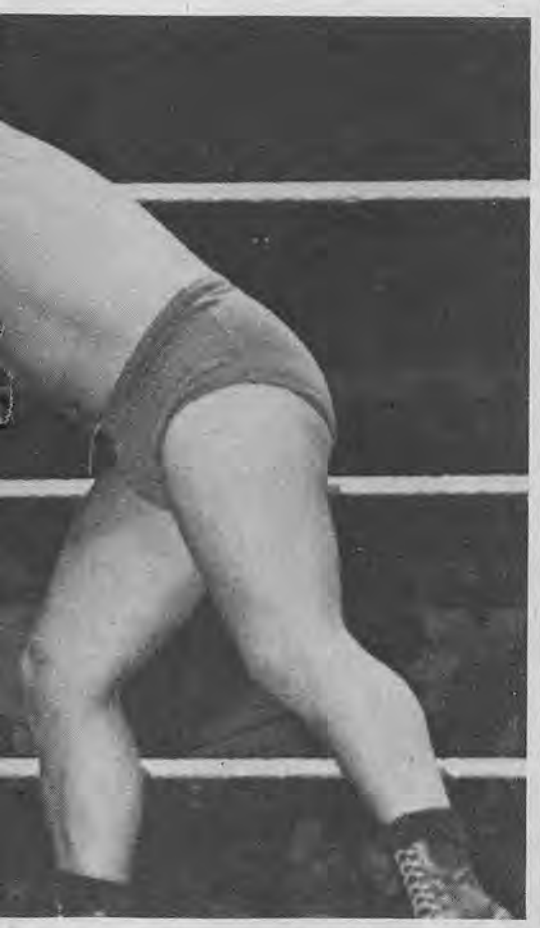
Above: Jack Brisco's younger brother Jerry backs Paul into the corner with a fingerlock. Below: In one of their wild bouts, Jack Brisco can hold Jones' shoulders down for only a count of two.

third fall of a championship bout, the bell sounds! Jack's been sly enough to pace himself properly in a troublesome match.

Several times Paul has been tossed over the top rope. In N.W.A. areas that is cause for immediate disqualification. Jones isn't at all shocked when he thinks Jack might have tossed him out purposely just to save his belt.

Paul's misused his shots in some ways. Sometimes he becomes so filled with anger he forgets himself and will let loose with fists, kicks, and other unethical tactics. He's been disqualified many times, but he doesn't cry about it. He'll chalk it up as a good lesson and figure he'll know better next time.



Paul will never forget the match in which he had Brisco down one fall. Jones lifted Jack high above his head and airplane spinned the champion. It looked like certain victory until he slammed Jack to the canvas. Paul had become so dizzy he fell out of the ring and was counted out! He rates that as his most unusual moment in his clashes againt Brisco. And it was the closest he came to winning to the title. The time limit was nowhere near and Brisco was down and out. But anything can happen in a wrestling match.

When will Paul Jones finally thrash Brisco? Or should we ask *will* he do it? Who knows? Jack may lose the title to someone else. If that happens, Jones will assuredly go right after him. He will indeed strive for that title until the day he has to quit. For a man who is championship material can't rest until he reaches his final goal. And that final goal has evaded Paul Jones too long.

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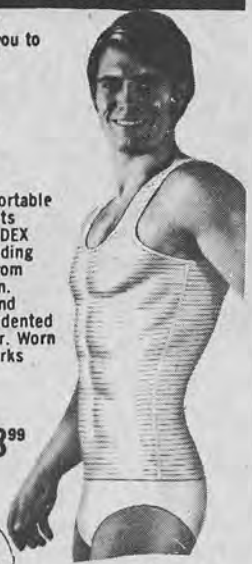

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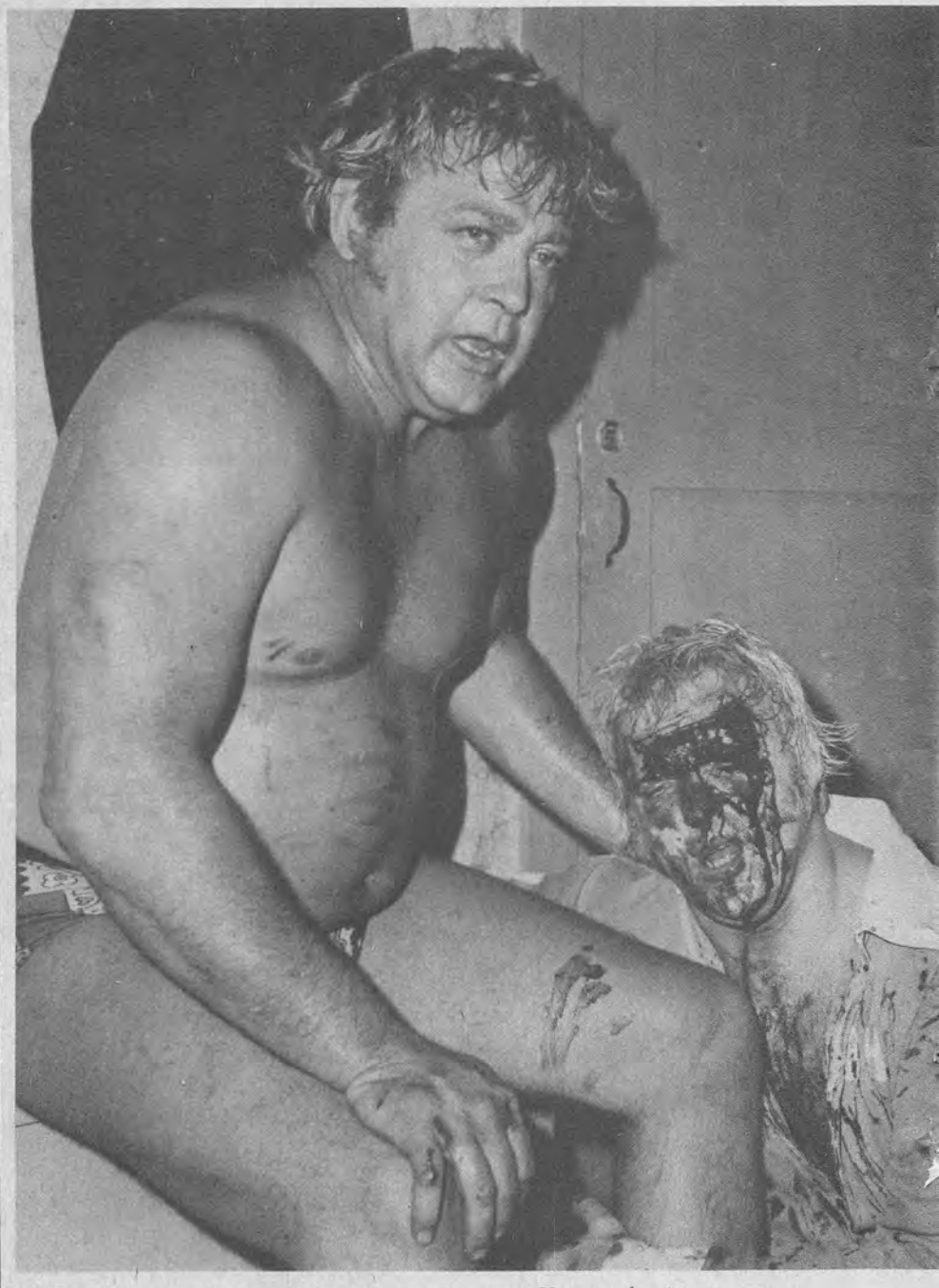

Ray Stevens sits nearly in tears as manager Heenan begins to lose consciousness. For Ray, this was his most horrifying night as a professional wrestler. He thought his manager would die. Fortunately for Heenan, the doctor soon came to tend to the wounds.

putting stitches into Pepper Gomez's skull, treating wounds inflicted by Heenan.

Bobby had been calmly watching while Ray and Pepper were battling furiously in a cage match. Then, after Gomez had struggled courageously to gain an advantage, Heenan decided it was time to intervene on the side of his wrestler. Climbing over the fence, he leaped on Pepper and sliced the hapless wrestler's face open with a plastic knife.

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The referee immediately ordered the

men back to the dressing room, disqualifying Stevens for outside interference. The doctor took a learned look at both men and went to tend Gomez first.

So that is why Heenan was losing enormous amounts of blood without the benefit of a physician. The doctor was feverishly working on Gomez, desperately battling to save the badly injured grappler's eye. The doctor saw instantly that the knife had sliced the skin perilously close to Pepper's optic nerve. A delay in treatment could mean blindness for the wrestler.

As Stevens watched the blood pour from the wounds of his manager, he thought, "He's going to die. He's going to just sit here and bleed to death. And that damn doctor is off treating some little cut. The stupid quack is afraid to

With blood all but obscuring his features, Heenan waits for the doctor to attend to him. A concerned Ray Stevens tries to comfort his wounded mentor.

show how stupid he is by having to treat someone really injured!"

Finally, the doctor finished tending to Gomez and rushed to Heenan. After cleaning away the blood, the doctor worked expertly to suture the cuts. Within five minutes the wounds were closed. Heenan was taken to the hospital 15 minutes later as a precaution.

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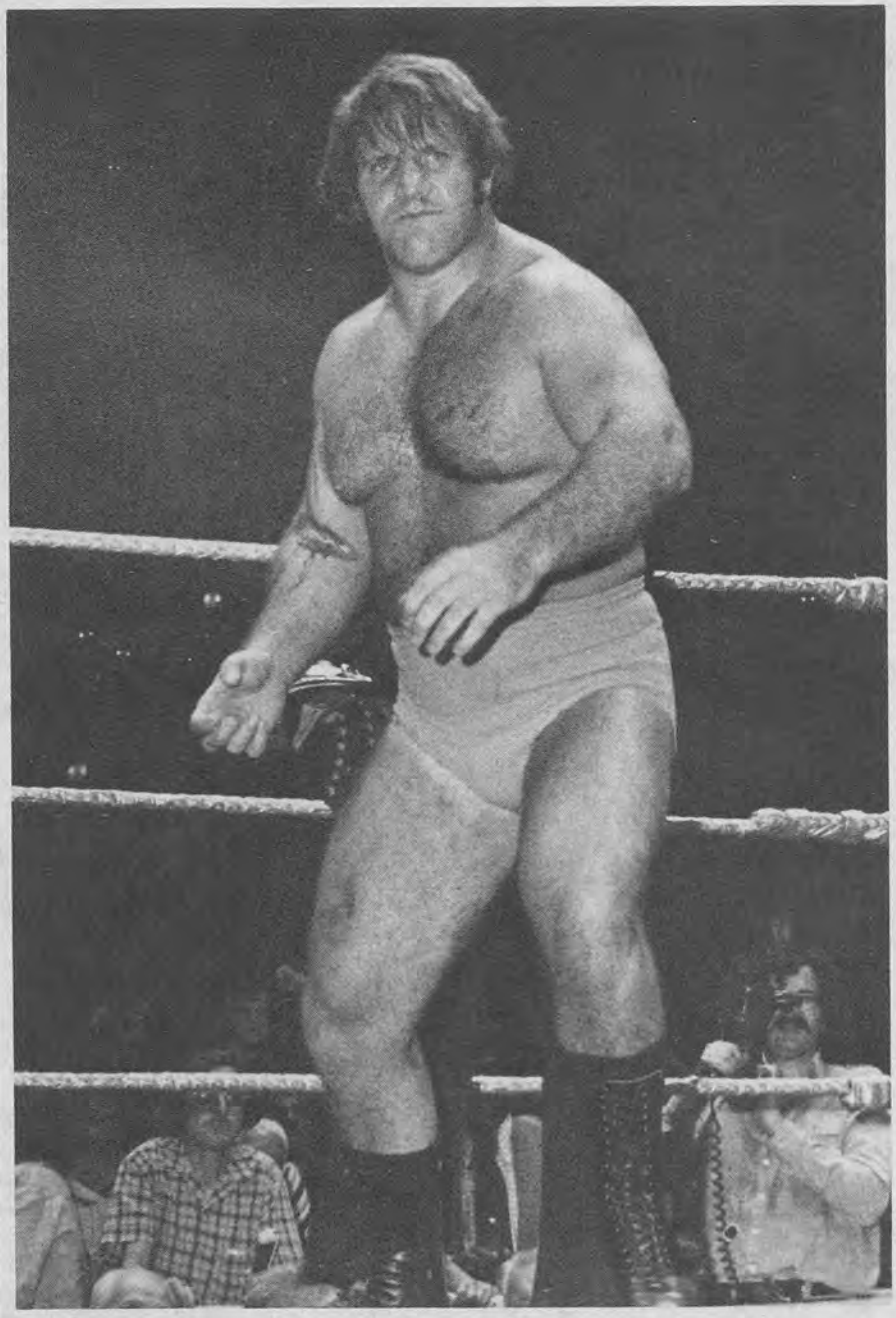

The match is over but Bruno is far from content. He eyes Von Erich and is about to go after him—delivering a few savage kicks to Waldo's limp body. Look at the ugly wound on Bruno's arm.

toasted each other more than twenty times tonight. What a grand celebration this is."

"By the way, if Sammartino wants a rematch, we'll consider it," added Waldo. "But you've got to realize there are some top contenders before him."

"Yeah!" Blassie cut in. "Guys like Joe Schmo, John Doe and maybe even Gunther X. Farquar. Ha! Ha! Ha!"

Blassie and Von Erich laughed into the wee hours of the morning. But their joy was cut short when they returned to their hotel. For there was a telegram waiting informing them the World Wide Wrestling Federation had signed Waldo to a Texas Death rematch with Bruno.

"That's the worst thing about having an open contract. You have to accept matches against nobodies," Blassie said disgustedly

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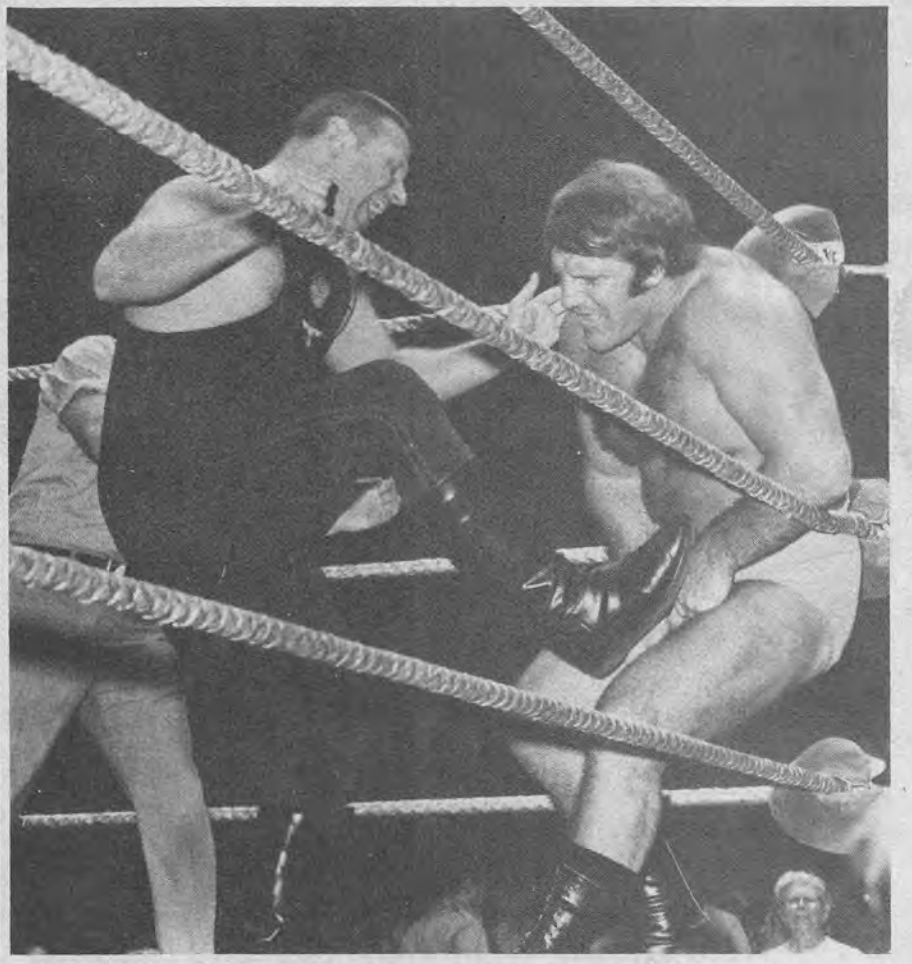

The match begins (above) and Von Erich is on Bruno, kicking his midsection and punching him. The wounded Sammartino lashes out furiously (below) finishing Von Erich off with kicks.

after reading the message. "And now this guy wants a Texas Death match so he can foul you legally, Waldo. Man, this Sammartino and his relatives really think up some wild things."

Arnold Skoaland, Bruno's manager, explained why Bruno wanted a Texas Death match.

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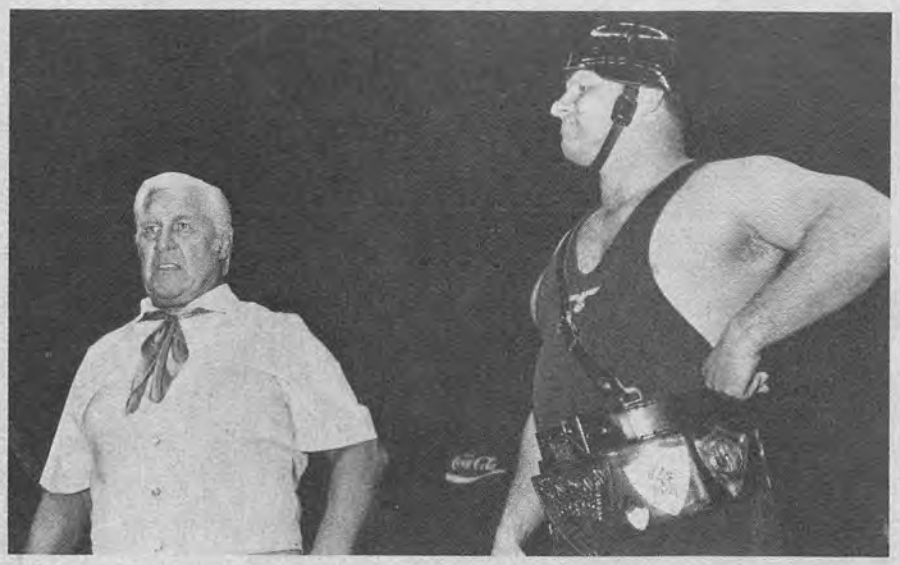

Fred Blassie and his protege Von Erich are a picture of anger and confidence (above) as they enter the ring. Referee Terry Terranova shows the foreign object Waldo used to cut Bruno's arm (right). Waldo wasn't disqualified for using the weapon as it was used in a no-holds—barred death match.

After brief instructions, Waldo handed Blassie his belt while Bruno handed Skoaland his. But Blassie had a scheme in mind. Seeing Bruno with his back turned, Blassie handed Waldo the belt again. Waldo attacked Bruno, smashing him on the right arm with the belt. The referee quickly took possession of the belt and handed it to the officials. The bell rang.

Von Erich lashed out with a vicious attack. He cornerd the already injured Bruno and kicked him in the stomach and groin. Then he reached into his trunks and pulled out a foreign object. It was a bottle opener!

Over and over, Von Erich dug the sharp object into Bruno's injured right arm. Blood poured out like a waterfall. Finally, the referee was able to wrestle the object away from the German terror. Little did Waldo know it was the beginning of the end for him.

Bruno kicked Von Erich in the stomach again and again, doubling up the German. Now only able to use one arm, Bruno smashed away at his foe. Then he followed with vicious kicks, finally booting Von Erich from the ring.

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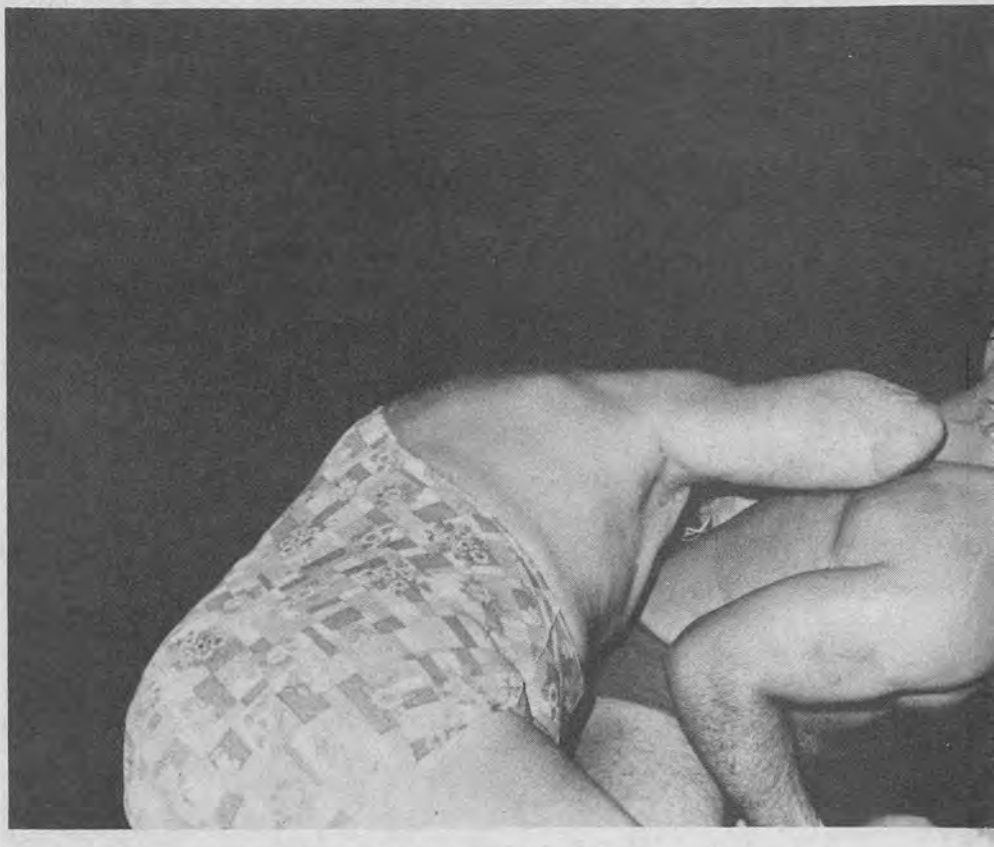

In early action it is Rip Hawk and Beautiful Bruce Swayze who hold the upper hand. After Apollo foolishly shakes hands, he is double-teamed by Hawk and Swayze (above). Argentina lies dazed and caught in the ropes (below). Things looked bad for the Latin wrestler.

Reporters flooded into the dressing room to ask why the veteran grappler had fallen for such an obvious ploy. Argentina greeted them sitting on a training table, his hands folded between his spread legs. The grin on his face could only be described as sheepish.

"This is one press conference," Apollo declared, "which even Luis won't want to miss."

Martinez nodded, also wanting an explanation.

"Well," Argentina began, "I guess everyone knew what happened the moment I shook

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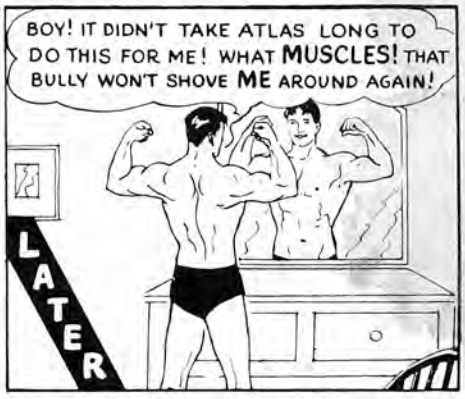

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